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# AIRPORT D-DAY IS POSTPONED A FOURTH TIME

A PLANNING meeting on whether to expand Lydd Airport has been delayed yet again – for the fourth time – and might not be held for another six months.

Alistair Stewart, Shepway council's chief executive, has agreed to change the date after the airport's new managing director, Jonathan Gordon, asked for more time to review the paperwork.

The meeting was due to have been held at the Civic Centre on Thursday, September 24, but it now looks as though it could be held as late as March next year.

Mr Stewart said he had agreed to the request but would not rearrange the meeting again.

He said: "Mr Gordon took up the role of MD on September 1.

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

"He asked me to defer the meeting to give him time to review all the paperwork involved in the two applications, including the airport's response to concerns raised by the council in its published report.

"I appreciate his position and have agreed to reschedule the meeting, which will now be held in late February or March.

"A date will be fixed when we have consulted everyone involved in the applications.

"However, I have made it clear that I am not prepared to change the date again. We must reach a position where these applications are finally determined."

In response, Mr Gordon said: "We are grateful for the consideration and

understanding shown by Shepway council in a final deferral of the determination of our planning applications.

"We will now work closely with all stakeholders in order to help achieve a fully-informed decision on the new date to be agreed with Shepway early next year."

But Louise Barton, of opposition group LAAG, said she "neither believed nor supported" the council's explanation.

She said: "Mr Gordon has long been associated with Lydd Airport, being both a director and shareholder, pre and post the acquisition of a controlling interest in the airport by Sheikh Fahad al Athel in 2001.

"He is therefore already familiar with most of the issues associated with this application.

"Shepway council's decision means a further period of house-price uncertainty

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## RUBBISH IN DISGUISE

An 8ft Transformer grabbed the public's attention and won first prize at last month's Hythe Venetian Fête as it helped raise awareness about waste and recycling.

The creation by students at Harvey Grammar School in Folkestone was paraded along the Royal Military Canal for the water carnival and gained recognition for its innovative design, made out of old electrical goods.

Vacuum-cleaners, kettles, toasters, lawnmowers and hair-dryers were used, proving that one man's rubbish can indeed be another's treasure.

The statue, a co-project by the Kent Waste Partnership and the school called 'Transform your rubbish - Recycle' secured a cash prize of £200 for the school's art department.

The biennial fête features a tableau of decorated floats themed on historical and topical events and attracted some 15,000 visitors.

The KWP will be using the Transformer sculpture, inspired by the popular 1980s cartoon and recent blockbuster films, across the county to further promote Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment (WEEE) recycling. More information can be found at [www.dontbinitbringit.org](http://www.dontbinitbringit.org).

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# Rule forces council to change meeting over housing plans

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A CRUCIAL meeting to decide on whether 74 new homes will be built in Hythe takes place tonight (Wednesday) after town councillors invoked a little-known rule to force the issue.

Liberal Democrats Sam Matthews and Darren Briddock trawled through the 1972 Local Government Act and discovered a rule allowing members to call a full council meeting if two or more sign a request.

The proposals for the mass development of the Imperial Hotel site were originally due to be decided in a planning subcommittee of Hythe Town Council on a weekday morning, when fewer people would have been able to attend.

Cllr Matthews, who represents the West ward, said the initial scheduling was "outrageous" and that the people of Hythe had a right to know about the decision and have a say.

He said he was only alerted about the extraordinary general meeting after receiving an email from the council just after midnight on Thursday last week.

He said: "Darren and I are over the moon at having arranged this meeting – it shows democracy can win."

"A planning application of this size must be decided by the full council at a time when the public can be available to make representations."

"Deciding this in a small committee at 9.30 on a Tuesday morning is not good enough."



**RULES ARE RULES:** Councillors Sam Matthews (left) and Darren Briddock with a copy of the local government lawbook

The final say on whether the plans will be given the go-ahead will be taken by Shepway council on Thursday, September 24, but Hythe council has been told it must submit its decision by Tuesday 22.

The proposals by owner GSE also include plans for a 'sky' bar at the hotel, a new golf clubhouse facing Princes Parade and new parking, access and landscaping.

Hythe mayor Keren Belcourt, who is also Shepway Cabinet member for housing, said there was nothing cloak-and-dagger about the hastily-arranged meeting.

She said: "Cllr Matthews and Briddock are entitled to their opinion, but we have indulged them and allowed this meeting. This matter has already been discussed three times."

The meeting takes place at the town hall tonight at 6.45pm.

# Villagers get a taste of Nepal at annual fair

HAWKINGE played host to a musical and cultural celebration at the weekend with a fair to promote Nepal, attended by the country's ambassador to London.

Each year the Nepalese embassy holds the event to promote tourism and trade opportunities and it chose the village for its first venue outside the capital due to the district's strong association with the Gurkhas.

The Nepalese ambassador Murari Raj Sharma and Gurkha community leader Gopal Giri were among the guests at Hawkinge Community Hall on Saturday.

## Thousands

Folkestone councillor Dhan Gurung, who organised the event, hailed it as a success and said: "The embassy's main goal is to attract 100,000 UK tourists to Nepal every year by 2011."

"We used it to show people some of the culture of the country, which has thousands of different tribes and more than 350 spoken languages."

"There was singing, dancing and playing of instruments and everybody was happy to take part. The ambassador was particularly pleased."

It is hoped that interest in the country will be boosted by Joanna Lumley's recent high-profile visit to the mountainous country, accompanied by Cllr Gurung and Gurkha Justice campaigners Peter Carroll and Lynne Beaumont.

The trip was covered by the international media in the aftermath of the campaign's success in its five-year battle to persuade the Government to allow all retired Gurkha soldiers the right to live in the UK.

After a five-year battle through the courts, including a historic defeat for the Government in the House of Commons, the new policy was announced in May.

# Howard rakes in £500 an hour at Northern Racing

MICHAEL Howard earned more than £6,000 for 12 hours' work as chairman of Northern Racing, equal to £500 per hour, according to new parliamentary records.

The Folkestone and Hythe MP's income is revealed in the latest update of the House of Commons Register of Members' Interests.

He was also paid more than £4,000 for eight hours' work as a non-executive at Canadian mining firm Entree Gold, which recently discovered new underground reserves of precious metal in Mongolia.

The last entry lists a payment of £2,350 for 15 hours' work as an independent director at Helphire Group.

Mr Howard also recently joined the board of mobile-phone software company Luup, as well as becoming a leading member of interfaith group the Council of Jews and Christians.

The former Home Secretary and ex-Tory leader is standing down at the next general election after more than 26 years in office.

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# High-speed rail services ticket to a bright future

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

HIGH-speed trains which bring Folkestone within an hour's reach of London began this week with a series of preview services to the capital.

Shepway councillors were among the first passengers on the 6.54am High Speed One (HS1) from Folkestone Central on Monday, which brought them into St Pancras 52 minutes later.

Campaign group Rail For Folkestone had been lobbying for faster services since 2001 and Shepway chairman Susan Carey said it showed that "years of hard work" had paid off.

## Proud

She said: "The new service represents an exciting new future for Shepway, making the district attractive for commuters, businesses and visitors, something that we are proud to be working on."

"The arrival of this new high-speed service comes at a great time for Shepway residents, who now have the best of both worlds, with a fast train to St Pancras as well as direct peak services to London Charing Cross and Cannon Street.

"This is a very good result."

The full timetable for the 140mph trains launches in December, but the initial success of a trial run from Ashford has led to the service being extended to Folkestone, Dover, Ramsgate and Canterbury.



**JUST THE TICKET:** From left, Folkestone Central station manager Lewis Flogdell, Mayor of Folkestone Janet Andrews, Shepway council chairman Susan Carey and Cabinet member for sport and culture Carole Waters are in cheery mood

There will be two morning peak services from Folkestone, leaving at 6.54am and 7.54am Monday to Friday from the Central station and 6.57am and 7.57am from the West station.

There is also a return service from St Pancras at 4.37pm and 6.37pm.

The new route represents a 44-minute saving on the current journey time to Charing Cross from Folkestone Central.

Southeastern managing director Charles Horton said: "The high-speed service means passengers from Folkestone and Canterbury will be around an hour away, making them towns where you can now easily commute from."

"We hope it will also act as a real catalyst for the economy in the region, but above all it will provide an additional choice of service for passengers."

The new service comes weeks after morning mainline services to Charing Cross and Cannon Street were saved, after initial fears they were to be phased out.

There will be an hourly direct train from Folkestone Central, Folkestone West, Sandling and Westenhanger to Charing Cross during the morning, with an additional service from Folkestone to Cannon Street for City commuters.

## Plans for flats rejected after lengthy battle

CAMPAIGNERS have been delighted by Shepway councillors' unanimous rejection of plans for a four-storey block of flats in Radnor Cliff, Folkestone.

A decision which has taken two years to come before the planning committee was decided in less than an hour and a half last Tuesday (September 1), after hundreds of residents signed a petition and sent in their objections.

The proposals for 25 Radnor Cliff had been at the centre of efforts by neighbours to prevent their area becoming the 'Benidorm of Shepway', just as the road is set to be included in a new, extended conservation area.

## Turnout

Joanna Ames, of the Radnor and Riviera Residents' Association, said: "We're very pleased – it was a great turnout by our members, which must have contributed to the result."

"What we were opposed to was the scale, mass and design of the building, which would have been completely out of character with the surrounding listed houses and a storey-and-a-half higher."

"The planning department has spent two years talking to the developers and it seems such a waste of taxpayers' money."

The latest rejection comes after two similar applications to build in the area were turned down last year.

In November the association petitioned the council to include Radnor Cliff Crescent, Radnor Cliff and The Riviera in an enlarged Sandgate conservation area, triggered by fears of unsympathetic new developments.

It is not yet known whether the developer intends to appeal or submit another application in future.

## Delay to add to frustration of residents

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for residents living under the proposed flight-paths as the airport is a deterrent to prospective residential property buyers."

The latest change comes after a series of delays forced the postponement of the crucial planning meeting to decide on the two applications, for a 500,000-passenger terminal and 444-metre runway extension.

Shepway council moved the original date in January 2008 after it requested more information; then weeks before the rearranged meeting on July 9 the airport's lawyers intervened when the council officers' report recommended refusal.

The September 23 date was then moved to the following day to avoid clashing with the national Liberal Democrat conference.

Those in favour of the proposals claim the airport's plans would bring jobs, tourism and prosperity to Romney Marsh.

However, anti-expansion campaigners say that it would create an unnecessary second regional airport, cause unacceptable noise and air pollution, wreck wildlife habitat and pose a danger to nearby Dungeness power station.

## Town hall hits back at claims cuts will lead to dirty streets

SHEPWAY council has denied that a cut in environmental community officers will affect the service, despite growing public anger at the district's appearance.

It emerged that the authority had recently reduced the number of staff charged with keeping public spaces clean and tidy from eight to three, with only one dog warden for the entire district.

The news come after Yourshepway recently launched a campaign to stop fly-tippers and others from dumping rubbish, dropping litter and ruining neighbourhoods.

There are also fears that Shepway's projected £5.2 million budget shortfall in three years' time and plans to share waste services with other councils will also have a negative impact.

Heritage campaigner and former councillor Denise Maskell said she had seen a rise in the amount of litter on the district's streets over the bank holiday weekend.

She said: "The amount of dog-fouling and overflowing bins is dis-

gusting. I've seen the same rubbish left and not picked up for two weeks."

"Much is said about how we should be attracting more tourists, but how are you going to promote the area when there's so much litter?"

"If they've now only got two officers for the whole district, who might themselves be based in Dover, how are they going to know the area? It's like calling the local police but finding they're based in Maidstone."

"The public have a right to know where their money is going as it's not being spent the way they think it is."

In response, a Shepway council spokesman said: "The role of our former environmental community officer service always involved more than just issues relating to street cleanliness and the recent changes have seen this develop still further."

He added that the new community safety officers were now an "integral part" of the Shepway Community Safety Unit, which also includes PCSOs and Kent County Council neighbourhood wardens.

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## Booming bittern's a hope for future

ONE of the UK's most threatened breeding birds has been heard 'booming' at Dungeness RSPB reserve, the first in the site's history.

Research by Natural England and the RSPB shows the number of male bitterns performing their 'booming' call in the South East has gone up from two in 2008 to four this year.

Bob Gomes, RSPB Dungeness site manager, said: "We've been working hard to create the reedbeds at Dungeness and recorded our first-ever booming bittern here this year as a result."

"We've had no signs of chicks, but regular sightings suggest at least one bittern is still on site."

"It would represent a major step forward if the male adopts the reedbed as his territory and manages to breed next year."

## Police appeal after 102 bus incident

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a young man was allegedly hit by a bus on Romney Marsh.

The number 102 Stagecoach bus was travelling through Dymchurch on Saturday, August 29, at about 9.40pm and was at the junction of Country's Field when the reported collision happened.

A 23-year-old man sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was taken to the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford.

Police would like to speak to any passengers who were on the bus, or anyone who has information about the incident.

You can phone south Kent police on 01303 289180 and quote reference KP-20090829-1766.

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# Blogger claims hard drugs are 'endemic' among teens

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

comprehensives and the academy. At the party, in addition to cannabis, tablets were on offer; speed, ecstasy, who knows? They didn't.

"Cocaine was also being snorted. This is among a group of teenagers, from 16 through to late teens."

He said he had also witnessed drugs being traded openly on Folkestone's streets and seen drink-and-drug-fuelled teenagers late at night in the town centre.

He said: "If the police were serious in their intentions to crack down on crime in this town, then I suggest they would do well to have a few plain-clothes officers monitoring Cheriton Road and Tontine Street."

"I could tell them where the dealers hang out. Apparently my powers of observation are better than that of our constabulary."

But in reply, Acting DCI Holl said: "I am also a parent of two teenage children and drugs are, of course, a concern."



NEW POWERS: Acting DCI Jon Holl of Kent Police

"Police officers also live in the community and want their children to grow up safely. Far from being complacent, we are doing everything we can to target those further up the chain of supply."

He said police had already seized 2,000 cannabis plants and large amounts of cocaine, made several arrests and recently used new powers to force a dealer to pay back £37,000 made from his crimes.

He said: "While we are taking active steps to reduce drug supply, the public remains our main source of information on local concerns."

"While Kent Police have many priorities, we are tackling drug supply in Folkestone."

"While I am not complacent, there is no evidence the problem is better or worse than similar towns on the south coast."

## OUR FAST TRACK TO THE FUTURE



High-speed rail services which will bring Folkestone within an hour's commute of the capital began preview services this week.

The first train left Folkestone Central at 6.54am on Monday and arrived 52 minutes later at London St Pancras.

Folkestone mayor Janet Andrews, Shepway council chairman Susan Waters and cabinet member for culture Carol Waters were joined on the inaugural service by Tory parliamentary candidate Damian Collins and Dover council chairman Bernard Butcher.

Mr Collins said: "Today it must feel like it did when the first train service opened between London and Folkestone. It is as if the railway has been reinvented for the 21st century."

The full service launches in December. In the meantime commuters can take the high-speed service from Folkestone Central at 6.54am and 7.54am on Mondays to Fridays and 6.57am and 7.57am from the West station.

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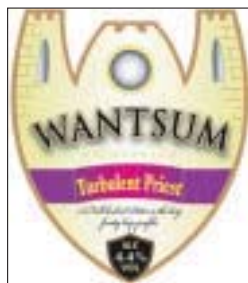
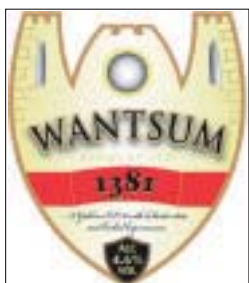
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**NEW DIRECTION:** James Sandy set up the Wantsum Brewery after more than 20 years' working at Pfizer

# Microbrewery raising a toast to our heritage

A NEW microbrewery making beers celebrating the county's heritage is up and running and drinkers will be able to taste the results of blending hops from around the world with British barley from next month.

James Sandy, from Sandwich, has set up the Wantsum Brewery in Hersden, just outside Canterbury, and his brews will soon be on sale in local pubs as well as those in Folkestone, Dover, Deal, Thanet and Hythe.

Among the beers will be 1381 – the year of a Kentish revolt – and Turbulent Priest, named after martyred archbishop Thomas Becket. And the brews' logos reflect the distinctive architecture of Reculver Towers.

"I wanted the names to reflect local heritage," said Mr Sandy. "But my flagship brew is Wantsum Fortitude, after the Wantsum Channel and the fortitude that is needed to set up in business at a time of economic uncertainty."

Mr Sandy had worked for more than 20 years at Pfizer before accepting redundancy in May. "I wanted to try my hand at something else," he said. "I was always asking

■ BY NICK AMES

staff if they had ever done anything entrepreneurial. I'd usually get a half-hearted response. So I decided when the redundancy money came to put it into something I had enjoyed doing on a smaller scale for years.

"I would have a go at doing something entrepreneurial rather than just look for another job."

Mr Sandy set up his microbrewery after looking to see how quality beers could be brought on to the market to appeal to those unsatisfied by bland corporate creations.

"I like real ale and I like pubs," he said. "But often I am disappointed at the quality on offer. So I thought I'd do something about it."

He looked in to hop varieties being grown across the world which provided quality beer before deciding to import from New Zealand, the US and Canada and combine them with British barley.

"I wanted to create something different, with no additives and no added sugar," he said. "Just hops, barley and water to produce a pure drink. I also want to try to make it as vegan as possible."

"Germany has its beer purity laws which brewers have to adhere to and I'd like to create something along those lines," he said.



JAMES SANDY

## Interfaith role for MP Howard

SHEPWAY MP Michael Howard has joined the board of an interfaith group designed to promote mutual understanding between Christians and Jews.

The Council of Christians and Jews has appointed the former Tory leader, together with Labour MP Frank Field, as part of a "reinvigoration" to boost its impact and reach.

Mr Howard, a member of the Liberal Jewish Synagogue in St John's Wood, told the Jewish Chronicle: "I have been a member for many years and I think it's an organisation that does excellent work."

"I was invited to join because of my experience and the expertise that I can bring and I hope to be involved across the board."

The Folkestone and Hythe MP (right) is standing down at the next general election after more than 26 years in office.

His son Nicholas converted to Christianity 18 years ago, but Mr Howard said that had "no relevance" to his new position.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

### Growth outstrips power

POWER cuts in Hawkinge have been blamed by supplier EDF on high demand and network faults.

There have been blackouts over the last two years, including during the depths of winter, with the most recent outage in April.

The issue was discussed by Shepway council's community overview committee and chairman David Godfrey is to meet EDF to agree the best way of telling residents about the reasons for the outage.

The committee was told that very cold conditions in January and February had caused high demand for power which affected the supply, while faults with the underground network had also contributed.

Cllr Godfrey said EDF was not prepared for Hawkinge's rapid growth and it had taken time to work on the area's infrastructure.

He is seeking assurance that supplies will not be disrupted this winter.

### Studio is one for the arts

A NEW arts studio has opened in Hythe offering a variety of courses inspired by a Shepway landmark.

The White Horse Studio in Marine Walk Street is offering portraiture, yoga, mixed media, life-drawing, watercolours and calligraphers.

Painting, learning to speak your mind and theatre are also available, with artist Charles Newington – who designed the white horse on Cheriton Hill – one of the tutors.

Click on [www.thewhitehorsestudio.co.uk](http://www.thewhitehorsestudio.co.uk) or phone 01303 239625 for more details.

### Chamber is 110 years old

CHANNEL Chamber of Commerce is celebrating its 110th year with a recession-beating event aimed at promoting businesses to each other.

Exhibiz will focus on networking, tips from experts on how to beat the downturn, introducing prospective new customers and lowering costs. There will be 50 exhibitors.

The event is at the Grand Hotel, Folkestone – which is also celebrating its 110th anniversary – on Thursday, September 17, from 7.30am to 11.30am. For more details, phone Sezen or Tracy on 01303 270022 or email [sezen.zeki@channelchamber.co.uk](mailto:sezen.zeki@channelchamber.co.uk).

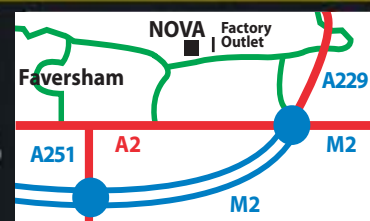
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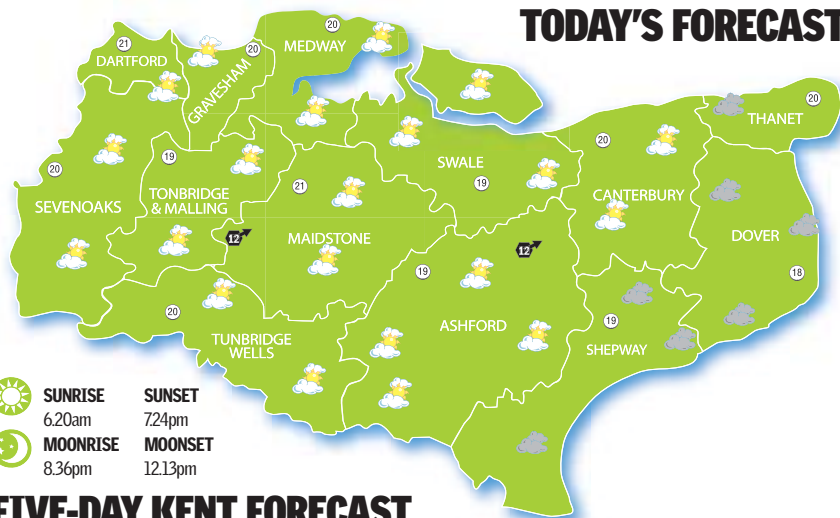




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Dungeness	Saturday	4:45pm	6.8m
	Sunday	5:59pm	6.3m
Ramsgate	Saturday	5:15pm	4.3m
	Sunday	6:03am	4.1m
Sheerness	Saturday	6:19pm	5.2m
	Sunday	6:57am	4.8m
Whitstable	Saturday	6:15pm	4.7m
	Sunday	6:55am	4.5m

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Cape Town	15°C	Tenerife	26°C
Cardiff	18°C	Tokyo	27°C
Gibraltar	24°C	Vancouver	16°C
Hong Kong	34°C	Warsaw	19°C
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Gillingham	23°C	19°C	18°C	18°C	18°C	Tun Wells	24°C	21°C	19°C	19°C	19°C

## ATM-robbery BMW traced

POLICE have made a breakthrough in their investigation into a raid on a New Romney cash machine which left a guard injured.

A black BMW M3 believed to be connected with the robbery was recovered in Bexleyheath on Wednesday last week. A person arrested in Dartford in relation to the incident has been released on bail.

Two robbers are thought to have used crowbars in the September 1 assault on a security guard filling the Nationwide ATM. The guard suffered minor injuries and was taken to the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford.

The raiders drove off in one or more vehicles parked at Mountfield industrial estate.

Anyone with information is urged to phone police on 01303 289180 or the confidential Crimestoppers line on 0800 555111.

## Clinic for hard of hearing

A FREE aftercare clinic for the deaf and hard of hearing is to be held in Cheriton next week.

Hearing charity Hi Kent is inviting people with NHS hearing-aids to drop in and get them cleaned and retubed and also collect new batteries free of charge.

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# yourlocalinterview

## QUESTION & ANSWER

### ANDY MERRIMAN



**Q** Why did you decide to join the fire service?

**A** I, like many, thought it would be an exciting career and an opportunity to help others.

**Q** Was it something you had always wanted to do?

**A** If I'm completely honest, I had visions of being a professional footballer – the only problem was that I wasn't good enough!

**Q** Where did you start out?

**A** I started as a fire-fighter at Medway Fire Station in 1982.

**Q** What was your first rescue like?

**A** Like all young fire-fighters, I wanted every opportunity to go out on a 'shout' where people needed our help, because that's what we are trained to do. During my first rescue, a colleague and I rescued an elderly woman from a burning terraced house in Gillingham.

**Q** What is the best thing about the job?

**A** The people I work with, both within Kent Fire and Rescue Service and our partner agencies and organisations, and most of all meeting people in the local communities in east Kent.

**Q** What is the most challenging thing?

**A** Kent Fire and Rescue Service is the best fire service in the country, according to a recent Government survey. It is an accolade that all staff are very proud of. So that we maintain this status and our excellent reputation both across the UK and further afield, we have to work very hard and this takes a lot of dedication from our staff and every effort from me to keep everyone motivated and trained to the very best standard.

**Q** What is the proudest moment of your career so far?

**A** There have been many highlights in my 27-year career. I'm very proud of my current role as area manager for East Division. It sees me managing more than 500 fire-fighters at 22 fire stations covering all of east Kent and understanding the areas that present an increased risk to both the public and fire-fighters. These include a nuclear power station, world heritage sites like Canterbury Cathedral and some of the most deprived areas in the county. An incident at any of these sites would present different challenges for my staff.

**Q** You must have seen some upsetting things. How do you learn to cope with things like that?

**A** Lots of incidents upset me, especially those involving children. I have a young family and I am lucky enough to have an understanding wife who listens to me when I need to offload. It

does, though, frustrate me that so many people continue to be injured or worse, killed by fires in the home when they can so easily be prevented.

**Q** What is the day-to-day job of a fire-fighter like?

**A** The job has become so much more skilled and complicated. The equipment and measures we use to tackle such a wide variety of incidents are truly of an excellent standard. The public expects we respond to so much more, from road-traffic collisions to flooding – we are no longer just turning up to burning buildings! Fortunately, some things never change and I've found the humour and camaraderie remains.

**Q** Is Kent a busy area for a fire-fighter?

**A** Kent is the fifth largest fire-and-rescue service in the country and covers a massive area. There are parts of Kent that are very busy and there is a mix of cultures, which present their own individual risks, so we need to tailor both our operational and community safety response. Thanks to our Home Safety Visit initiative, where local fire-fighters will fit smoke alarms for free in your home, we've managed to drive down the number of house fires we attend, but sadly we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of road-traffic collisions fire-fighters respond to.

• To book your free Home Safety Visit, phone 0800 923 7000

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The East Division area manager at Kent Fire and Rescue (covering Dover, Deal, Sandwich, Thanet, Shepway and Canterbury) talks to reporter **Tom Betts** about the highs and lows involved in the life of a fire-fighter

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# Man from Moss Side is watching over us



GANGLAND shootings in Manchester's notorious Moss Side are a constant reminder to Mark Powell that he made the right decision in moving his family south.

In just over eight months as Kent Police's head of major crime, the detective chief superintendent has had to deal with just one shooting in the county – at a holiday camp on the Isle of Sheppey – and nobody was hurt.

Compare that with the almost daily battle against gun crime at his previous post in Manchester, and it's easy to see why DCS Powell believes our county really is safe.

He said: "Manchester has attracted the very unfortunate nickname 'Gunchester' due to armed gangs. It was our job to stop young men ending up with a gun in their hand or a bullet in their head. A lot of them would drop out of school and arrive in adulthood without basic life skills and no stake in society, so for them crime was a viable career option.

"We ran an anti-gang strategy that brought together staff from the police, social services, probation and different housing, education and youth groups so we could look at getting kids back into school and away from the negative influences.

"There were plenty of examples where individuals we worked with moved away from gangs and we were able to prosecute members who had a big impact on the number of shootings.

It wasn't uncommon to have more than one shooting a day in Moss Side, but we've had one shooting in Kent since I've been here."

Despite its relatively low crime rate, there were 10,000 fewer offences in Kent in the last financial year and that has seen the force rise to 18th out of 42 in England and Wales for public confidence. Senior officers are now tar-

There were 10,000 fewer crimes in Kent up until March, 2009, compared with the previous 12 months. This week, as part of our A Safer Kent series, we meet DCS Mark Powell. He knows the realities of major crime on Britain's streets, having worked in Manchester's Moss Side. Kent is one of the safest places in Britain to live and DCS Powell tells **STEVE KNIGHT** his officers intend to keep it that way



**DCS MARK POWELL:** Taking a robust line on crime

getting a top ten place. The Government treats public confidence as a major indicator of how well a constabulary is performing, so it's no surprise that DCS Powell is annoyed when he hears untruths about areas on his patch.

He said: "I've heard Margate described as the murder capital of the South East, which is really misleading because there have only been two this year. London's murder rate by far eclipses all other areas in the region.

"Part of our challenge is keeping London-based criminals out of Kent so we don't end up with the same problems drug supply creates there, such as turf wars. We don't have that in Kent because we take a robust line with drug dealers. As soon as we're aware they're moving in, we take care of it."

DCS Powell has the casework to back up his comments, pointing to the conviction of 19 dealers from London and west Kent who at the end of May were jailed for a total of more

than 40 years. The force also seized class-A drugs worth more than £1 million in the first quarter of this year alone.

But it's not just drugs DCS Powell and his team have to contend with. Cash machine ram-raids and cash-in-transit robberies are examples of the type of serious organised crime they work hard to keep out of Kent. He said: "Kent has a strong track record of dealing very robustly with organised crime. We always ask people to be vigilant, but we are very well off. Kent is a very safe place to live."

## FACT FILE

The Major Crime Department investigates and secures conviction of offenders involved in the most serious and violent offences.

Between April and July, this year, the department recorded the following successes:

- 24 kilos of cocaine with a street value of £2.4m was taken off the streets of Kent. This also resulted in a 12-year sentence for the dealer.
- A total of £320,000 in cash was seized along with assets worth £2m after five people were charged over a money laundering network.
- Police seized a BMW X5 sports car, worth £17,000, from a drug dealer.
- Over the last two-and-a-half years Serious Organised Crime Unit investigations have led to 15 convictions for cash machine offences. Their sentences add up to just under 100 years.

## Chief Constable of Kent Police is ready to answer your questions

THIS is your chance to find out more about the police officers who look after our county.

Kent Police chief Michael Fuller has agreed to answer questions from our readers about any aspect of policing.

This is the second week of our A Safer Kent campaign, looking behind the scenes at Kent Police to uncover the stories behind the headlines as our 3,640 police officers help look after a population of 1.65 million.

Last week we told you about the launch of the Neighbourhood Task Teams and today you can learn about the man who came from one of Britain's most notorious areas or gun crime to Kent bringing his expertise to ensure we remain alert and protected.

Next week we'll look at the devastating effects of drugs on one family and find out how, by working with the police, the mother is helping making life safer for other youngsters.

To ask Chief Constable Michael Fuller a question about policing, email your question to [editorial@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:editorial@kosmedia.co.uk) or write to the editor at this newspaper, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR. We will carry as many answers as we possibly can in our edition of October 7.



**TOP COP:** Michael Fuller

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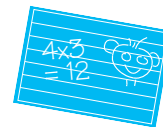
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## BREAK TIME

### Fun day out raises sizzling cash total

SANDGATE School's Summer Sizzle fete attracted hundreds of parents and children this year, raising a total of £4,250.

More than 500 people joined in fun activities such as the penalty shootout, space gyroscope and Gladiator games, while hoopla, the coconut shy and hook-a-duck proved just as popular.

The school's Parent Teacher Association organised the event, with more than 60 parents and staff involved.

PTA chair Heather Bradley said: "Our Summer Sizzle is always a fun event that all the staff, parents and children join in with and enjoy and we are very pleased with our efforts this year."

The money raised will be used to replace two buildings on the school field, one of which stores sports equipment and the other which hosts children during their break times.

The cash will add to the £117 raised by a recent bingo night and £330 raised by a children's fashion show.

Last year the PTA provided a climbing shelter for the main playground and storage areas for the bikes and trikes used by the youngest children at the school.



**JUMP FOR JOY:** Fun at the Summer Sizzle event

# Grant boosts youth project

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

EAST Folkestone youngsters have been boosted by a grant of almost £30,000 towards a community project that will help unlock talent and raise their aspirations.

The announcement by the Department of Communities and Local Government is intended to help those aged 11-14 take part in fun, informative activities and broaden their horizons, while parents can help their children make better choices in life.

The Folkestone project is one of 15 in neighbourhoods across England where low aspiration was identified as a barrier to young people achieving their potential.

The bid was spearheaded by East

Folkestone Together, an innovative new group which includes residents, Shepway council and organisations including The Folkestone Academy and The Creative Foundation.

Anticipated activities include a Folkestone's Dragon's Den involving young enterprise activities, a Skills Swap, where young people and adults teach each other new skills, a Wacky World of Work, where youngsters meet those doing interesting jobs, and Creative Futures to let them work alongside Folkestone's Creative Quarter.

There will also be opportunities during the next Folkestone Triennial in 2011 for youngsters to create their own art projects and film

their experiences, while Digital Mentoring will allow them to expand their IT talent.

To celebrate these activities, The Inspiring East Folkestone Awards will celebrate the contribution of adults in the community.

Shepway council leader Robert Bliss said: "The projects are specifically designed to help our local young people in East Folkestone and they look very exciting."

Nick Ewbank, director of The Creative Foundation, said: "We were delighted to play a part in securing this funding, which is earmarked for specific work to help young people in one of the area's most deprived wards."

"The project will add even greater value to the work going on already in Folkestone, and Shepway generally, through The Creative Foundation's Find Your Talent programme."

## Pupils raise speed awareness

CHILDREN in Saltwood and Lyminge are reminding motorists to drive safely through their villages by using posters which they designed themselves.

PCSOs Richard Fowler and Mandy Kimpton from the Shepway West Neighbourhood Policing Team organised a competition for primary pupils to design a poster and raise awareness of speeding.

The winning entries have been made in to posters that are now on display throughout Saltwood and Lyminge.

Richard and Mandy came up with the idea to involve schools in the campaign and

to get motorists to slow down.

The issue of speeding has been raised in a number of Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings, with villagers saying they want it dealt with as a priority.

The winners of the competition were Scarlett Baylis from Lyminge Primary School, Hannah Rolfe of St Augustine's Primary School and Roseanne Dixon from Saltwood Primary School. All received free cinema tickets.

Roads policing officer PC Ian Clark said: "To improve road safety is one of our top priorities and we are working on a combination of educating

motorists, raising awareness and enforcing road-traffic laws to make the drivers of south Kent safer."

According to the latest Kent Police statistics, 17 per cent of drivers killed or seriously injured in road-traffic collisions were either driving above the speed limit or at an inappropriate speed for the road and conditions.

In June this year, police in the south Kent area issued 48 penalty tickets for speeding offences.

The Shepway West Neighbourhood Policing Team can be emailed at [shepwaywest.neighbourhood@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:shepwaywest.neighbourhood@kent.pnn.police.uk).



**DESIGN FOR LIFE:** PCSO Mandy Kimpton, Scarlett Baylis, Hannah Rolfe and PCSO Richard Fowler

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# 'Booze culture is taking over our county' warning

HOSPITALS are being left to pick up the pieces of an alcohol culture which has taken over the county, according to officials.

Booze-fuelled days and nights have led to soaring alcohol-related admissions in recent years to A&E departments in Kent.

Figures obtained by the Conservative Party from the Department of Health show numbers have rocketed in the last four years.

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust saw the biggest rise, with admissions from 2007-08 at three times the rate for 2004-05.

This equated to 1,192 people in 2004-05 and 3,584 people in 2007-08, a change of more than 200 per cent.

A spokesman for the trust said: "People coming into A&E having drunk too much and getting injured or ill is a problem and has been for some time. We are looking into these figures."

Other trusts in Kent have also experienced increasing volumes of alcohol-related admissions.

East Kent Hospitals NHS Trust saw a 31 per cent increase, from 4,785 to 6,278; Medway NHS Trust had a 25.4 per cent rise from 2,140 to 2,683; and Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust suffered a 36 per cent

■ BY RACHEL MCATHY

increase from 1,136 to 1,544.

James Brokenshire, shadow home affairs minister, who obtained the figures, said: "The reality of Labour's failed policies on alcohol has been communities blighted by drunken and loutish behaviour."

"The police are being stretched in the early hours by violent incidents and doctors and nurses in casualty departments are being left to pick up the pieces."

Tony Williams, from the Kenward Trust, a Maidstone-based charity for people with alcohol or drugs problems, said things have definitely got worse.

"It's an increasing problem in Kent," he said. "It's no coincidence that the Kent Drug Action Group changed its name to the Kent Drug and Alcohol Action Team."

"This is because alcohol-related incidents are on the rise and need to be addressed."

"Our services are also called on more to deal with alcohol-related instances in Kent."

"And the majority of drug users would say a lot of their problems stem from abusing alcohol. It is a dangerous drug."

"After a few drinks you lose your inhibitions and things that would be a bad idea when sober, are different. It is a gateway drug and leads to other problems."



**GATEWAY DRUG:** Alcohol-related admissions to A&E are on the rise across the county, to the alarm of healthcare experts

# There's just got to be an uglier mug than this ...

ANOTHER leading contender has emerged in the hunt for the ugliest mug in Kent.

Macmillan Cancer Support launched the search for the most quirky or bizarre drinking mug in the county at the end of July to kick-start its main fundraising event, the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

The Ugly Mug Amnesty, which is backed by KOS Media – publishers of this newspaper – aims to find the wackiest or most embarrassing mug lurking at the back of your cupboard.

After six weeks of the amnesty and just days before the search ends, Maggie Francis of Penenden Heath, Maidstone, sent in this photo of her granddaughter Holly, two, trying to pull the same face as this frog mug.

Maggie said: "The mug was bought for Holly's mum many years ago at a craft fair, but hasn't seen a great deal of service – it's not the friendliest of drinking vessels!"

The front-runner for the last six weeks has been an 'All The Breast Jimmy Jones' mug sent in by Kurstie Long, which belongs to her mum Louise, from Folkestone.

But there's still time to get your entries in before the deadline on Friday.

When you've found your ugliest mug, take a photo of you holding it and tell us if it has an interesting history. Don't forget to provide your name, age, address, job and contact details.

The winner of the amnesty will receive a World's Biggest Coffee Morning Mug from Macmillan Cancer Support and a £50 Coffee Gift Set from KOS Media.

All entries into the Ugly Mug Amnesty



**HOLLY GOOD SHOW:** Mugging for the camera – but can you do better with your ugly mugs?

must be received by Friday, September 11, with the winner announced in the Wednesday, September 16 midweek papers.

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# yourshepwayblogger

Gary Wright questions whether amusing news stories on train-mad toddler miss the point



## Let's hope railway tearaway Toby's mum has a firm word

NO DOUBT you'll have seen the story of Toby Friend, aged four, who keeps escaping from his home and going to try and catch the train.

"He just loves the train so much ... he thinks he can go on his own," his mother, Kirstie Field, gushed on the BBC local news then GMTV the next morning.

Tiny Toby has escaped 15 times and once actually got on board the train, said his mum (almost proudly, I thought).

And how does his mum think she can deal with his escaping and walking to the station alone, across two main roads?

She wants to put up pictures of her cute little tearaway at stations between Ashford and Tonbridge. The BBC's report had an element of 'Ah, isn't that cute? Look at the little train enthusiast'.

She told the BBC: "He just loves adventure. We don't drive, so apart from the occasional



REPORT: Toby's story on our Kent News website

bus, train is our only transport. The first time he actually managed to get on a train and asked for a ticket.

"Luckily, the guard didn't let the train leave the station. But there's always a worry that Toby's going to get on, not ask for a ticket and the train leaves as normal."

Well, I'm not sure the world is such a terrible

place that an adult passenger wouldn't at least try to look out for the youngster.

I'd be more worried about him falling through the gap. But surely if this mother is struggling to look after little Toby and make sure he doesn't get over the six-foot garden fence and out on to main roads, someone needs to have a word.

One escape I can understand, and I guess it's forgivable, but 15 times is becoming irresponsible. His mum seems pleasant enough, but putting up warning posters then telling the world about your son's Houdini act on telly is not necessarily the answer.

I suggest brushing up her parenting skills, having a firm word with her son ("Do it again and I'll take away your train set for a week") and fitting some proper locks on gates and the like.

And she might like to address the problem soon, before those nice people at social services decide they ought to be worried too.

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## TALK TIME

### KIM COOK

The family historian with Orchard Research spoke to us about how she got into genealogy and what finding out about your ancestors is all about.



#### How did you first get into studying family history?

I've always been interested in people, their likes and dislikes, background and foibles, but my own family never spoke about the past. I was about 12 when, getting off a bus in London, I noticed a parade of shops with my mother's family name above the doors, and was amazed when she said the shops had belonged to my grandfather. I set out to find out more about him. Later, at college, I started going to the General Register Office, then based at Somerset House, to find certificates, and it just took off from there.

#### Why do you think people want to dig in to their family's past?

The desire probably reflects the changes in society. Social mobility, leading to the break-up of the extended family, and the insecurities of war and recession, have all led to people feeling increasingly adrift. Knowing where your ancestors come from, and what their lives were like, gives a sense of security and belonging. And there's always the possibility of reconnecting with the wider family.

#### Have you ever had someone regret finding out about their family's past?

Many people find revelations that shock or embarrass them. When people first come to my classes, I warn them that if they're not prepared to face difficult discoveries, then they shouldn't start. If our ancestors hadn't done what they did, we probably wouldn't be here. And we shouldn't judge others.

## YOUR LETTERS

### yourshepwayblogger

Gary Wright in praise of the policeman who dared to say what most people thought anyone dared

#### Well done to the police officer who admits CCTV doesn't help

As I have previously mentioned, I am an avid reader of CCTV news. I have been reading it for some time now and I have to say that I am impressed by the quality of the reporting. It is a pity that the police officer who admitted that CCTV doesn't help is not being praised for his honesty.

### CCTV no problem for the innocent

Gary Wright's negative opinion of CCTV is founded upon his belief that it doesn't help solve many crimes and is essentially an unwanted, intrusive invasion of privacy ('Well done to the police officer who admits CCTV doesn't help', Yourblogger, last week).

I recall seeing countless media reports over the years where crucial CCTV footage has led to the identification, prosecution and conviction of some very nasty felons indeed.

So either Mr Wright doesn't read or watch the news, or he is biased against protective surveillance technology.

He insinuates that employees who monitor screens in CCTV control rooms are seedy voyeurs, gazing lustfully at women through bedroom windows, rather than dedicated professionals intent on keeping us and our property safe from harm.

I don't care how many times a day I'm filmed by CCTV cameras. In fact, probably



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because I'm not intending to commit an illegal act, I barely notice them at all.

The left-wingers, armchair radicals and wannabe anarchists who constantly harp on melodramatically about

Orwellian police states would most likely be the first in line to extol the virtues of CCTV if criminals who had affected them were brought to justice with the evidence obtained from the cameras that

they protest so vociferously about.

Clive Wilkins-Oppler,  
Canterbury

**EDITOR'S REPLY:** The main point was surely that a senior police officer believed that CCTV cameras weren't working and he seemed to have the statistics to back it up.

## Shed a blue light on diabetes day

We are calling on readers to help bring diabetes to light on World Diabetes Day.

We are taking part in the World Diabetes Day Monument Challenge and are asking readers to join in by lighting local landmarks and buildings in blue on or around Saturday, November 14.

Blue represents World Diabetes Day because it is the official colour of the logo and of the UNite for Diabetes campaign which was instrumental in the United Nations resolution recognising diabetes as a major threat to global health.

World Diabetes Day aims to raise awareness of diabetes and the impact that it has on the 250 million people with diabetes around the world.

Diabetes is a serious condition that can lead to heart disease, stroke, kidney failure, blindness and amputation.

This year the theme of World Diabetes Day is diabetes education and prevention. In the UK, there are 2.5 million people diagnosed with diabetes and this number is estimated to rise to 4 million by 2025.

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Douglas Smallwood  
by email

## Take a dive to help research into cancer

I am writing to let people in Kent know about our skydive campaign.

If any readers have ever thought about doing something to raise money for charity but want to do something other than running a marathon, perhaps a sponsored skydive is the perfect challenge.

Anyone who raises £395 or more for us at World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF) will be able to skydive free.

Scientists estimate that about a third of the most common cancers could be prevented by healthy living.

Any money raised from a sponsored skydive will help us to continue to fund research into the link between lifestyle and cancer.

If you want to find out more about how to take part in a sponsored skydive, visit [www.wcrf-uk.org/fundraising](http://www.wcrf-uk.org/fundraising) or call 0207 343 4200.

Natalie Tarrant,  
World Cancer Research Fund

## Show you care by planting a daffodil

The countdown has begun for local primary schools and youth groups to sign up for Mini Pots Of Care, a creative and educational fund-raising activity for three- to 11-year-olds that raises funds for the Marie Curie nursing service.

There are just four weeks until the registration deadline and Marie Curie Cancer Care is inviting children to get their hands dirty for charity and have a go at growing their own daffodils.

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In spring, when the daffodils bloom, the children can paint their pots before taking them home to someone they care about in return for a small donation to help fund Marie Curie nurses.

Lesson plans supporting key stages one and two of the National Curriculum, as well as activity resources for youth groups, are

available from the website.

The activity is supported by Homebase and City Link.

Teachers and leaders need to register by Friday, October 2, at [www.mariecurie.org.uk/minipotsoftcare](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/minipotsoftcare), or by calling 08700 340 040.

Amanda Mendzil,  
Marie Curie Cancer Care

## Dumbing down to get more passes

I am amazed and bemused by the achievements of pupils in our local schools. From reports in this paper, a number of pupils gained 17 passes, with many more gaining from 13 to 16 passes. Some pupils were awarded A grades in most of these passes.

I attended grammar school in Greenwich between 1952 and 1958. I studied seven subjects at GCE in 1957 and passed five of them. The clever pupils managed seven or eight passes.

I cannot see how it is possible to study 17 subjects.

The depth of knowledge must be appalling. More evidence of 'dumbing down'.

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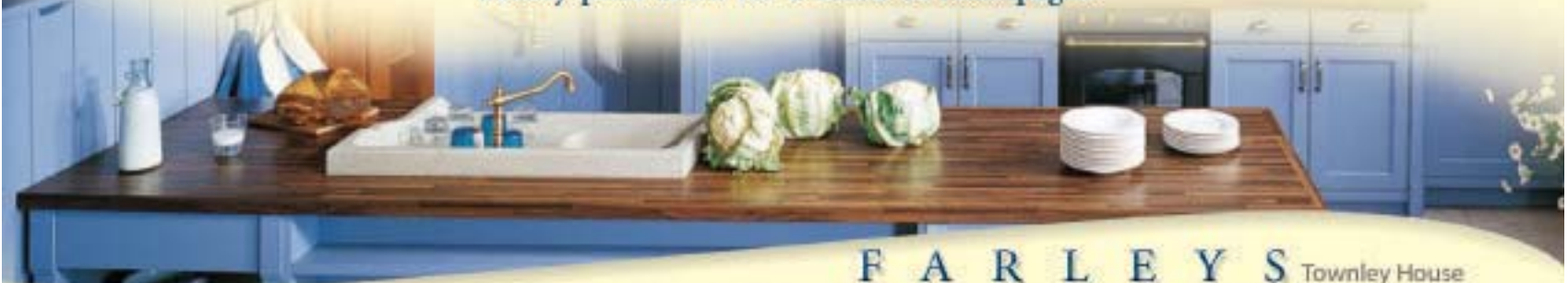
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# Festival is grand honour to author



The War of the Worlds author HG Wells will be celebrated at The Grand, Folkestone, during a special weekend of events

SANDGATE'S connections to a literary giant are celebrated next week with the first HG Wells Festival.

Organised by local people, the festival will pay tribute to The War of the Worlds author who spent 13 years in the area and planned or published many books during his time on the Kent coast. From art exhibitions to a film screening, there will be lots of ways to learn more about Wells' legacy.

The main events take place at The Grand in Folkestone, where the opening ceremony on Friday will give people the chance to view art works by The White Shed and see the special collection of HG Wells books belonging to Patrick Marrin, of Folkestone's Antiquarian Bookshop. This event is by invitation only – call 01303 222222 to book a place.

On Saturday, the events on offer include an Edwardian breakfast, a guided walk of Sandgate, a screening of the film of Jeff Wayne's musical, War of the Worlds, and a discussion about the film, and a festival dinner attended by Well's grandson, Professor Dominic Wells.

Sunday brings a Kipps walk around Folkestone with local historian Eamonn Rooney and the presentation of the short story prize. One talented writer will win £1,000 for their Wellsian-style story, a competition which has been sponsored by local resident Reg Turnill, who was the BBC's aerospace correspondent for many years.



**FIRST FESTIVAL:** An opening ceremony will take place on Friday at The Grand

There will also be exhibitions taking place at the Neville Pundole Gallery in Tontine Street and the Cristus Gallery in Sandgate High Street.

Herbert George Wells moved to the Folkestone area in 1896 to take advantage of the restorative sea air. He had his own residence, Spade House, built by well-known Arts and Crafts architect, Charles Voysey, and Well's presence turned Sandgate into a literary hot spot by attracting writers and other famous friends to the area.

His affair with a Cambridge student would prove to be his undoing,

when the scandal became too much for respectable Folkestone folks and the Wells family left for London in 1909.

Full festival listings can be found online at [www.wellsfestival.com](http://www.wellsfestival.com). Season tickets for all events and special packages including accommodation can also be booked. For more information visit the website or call The Grand on 01303 222222.

### HG WELLS FESTIVAL

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## GHOST STORY

Thursday, September 10,  
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St Mary's Church, Sandwich

SPENDING the night in a haunted church proves to be a bad idea in the new play, Ghost Story.

Written by local playwright Bettine Walters, the production provides a few shocks and creepy moments for fans of ghostly tales. The play tells the story of two young men who accept a bet to stay overnight in a reputedly haunted church. In order to validate their vigil, they bring along a psychic, but yet more people join the party.

When circumstances thwart their girls' night out, a sister of one of the men joins them with her friend. Add a caretaker to the mix and the stage is set for an evening of tricks and surprises. By the morning, they realise that it has been more than just a stunt – a sinister force has been unleashed with tragic results. Presented by the New Deal Theatre Company, Ghost Story is not recommended for those of a nervous disposition!



Performances start at 7.30pm. Tickets, priced at £8/£7, are available from Sandwich Bookshop on 01304 620404

## SETH LAKEMAN

Saturday, September 12  
Quarterhouse, Folkestone



MERCURY Prize nominee Seth Lakeman and friends visit Shepway to support a good cause this weekend.

The concert is presented by the Vinspired Lake of Stars Festival, which promotes Malawi music and tourism. It also raises funds for the Microloan Foundation, a UK-based charity that provides small loans, business training and guidance to groups of women in sub-Saharan Africa. Lakeman travelled out to Malawi to headline the festival in October last year and he continues to support the cause by raising awareness with this fundraising concert.

Lakeman began playing music with his two brothers when they were still children and they eventually joined acclaimed folk band, Equation, with Kathryn



Roberts, Kate Rusby and Cara Dillon. After travelling the world, Lakeman made his own album in his brother's kitchen on a budget of just £300, but Kitty Jay was to secure Lakeman's star-

dom by being short-listed for the Mercury Music Prize.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £18. To book, phone 01303 858500, or alternatively visit [www.quarterhouse.co.uk](http://www.quarterhouse.co.uk).

## 80'S MANIA

Friday, September 25  
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



STEP back in time to the decade that fashion forgot with 80's Mania, an authentic tribute to the Thatcher years.

Talented singers, dancers and musicians will transport music fans back to a golden era of feel-good pop, performing unforgettable hits from the true 80s stars.

This exciting fantasy concert brings together the sounds of Duran Duran, The Human League, Kim Wilde, Frankie Goes To Hollywood, Culture Club, Wham!, Nena, Toni Basil, Dead or Alive, Madness, Madonna and many more for an evening of extravagant 80s entertainment.

The audience is encouraged to enter into the spirit and dig out their outrageous



80s fashions, before dancing around their handbags to the timeless hits. Shoulder pads, white stilettos and enormous hair were all fashion must-haves back in the day, so get ready to back-comb that hair and squeeze

into those stonewash jeans for a great evening of music.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £18.50.

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## SHEPWAY LEISURE

### If the glass slipper fits, better go to auditions

AMATEUR performers are invited to audition for a role in Cinderella, this year's pantomime at the Leas Cliff Hall.

Auditions for the Community Theatre Project show will be held at the Folkestone venue on Saturday, starting with children aged five to 12 from 10am to noon. For more information or to register interest call Neil Hunnisett on 07816 424214 or Bob Osborne on 07815 020576.

### It's Abbott time for jazz again at The Grand

THE Pete Abbott Group will be performing live at The Grand in Folkestone on Thursday.

Guitarist Abbott will be joined by Andy Wall on bass, Roger Jeffery on drums, vocalist Claire Harris and sax player Ivan Thompson, of Hullabaloo fame. The concert starts in Keppels Music Room at 8.30pm and admission costs £5. Call 01303 260330.

### Zambu will rock The Frenchman on Saturday

GET ready to hear classic rock songs as you have never heard them before when Zambu plays in Folkestone.

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### All aboard for a tasty trip through Romney

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# Band's got talent, but Cowell might not agree

BY SIMON ROBINSON

**ALTERNATIVE** indie outfit Carpetburn would never win Britain's Got Talent.

No, the Medway four-piece would not impress sour-faced, flat-topped music mogul Simon Cowell, smug former tabloid newspaper editor Piers Morgan nor Les Dennis' ex-wife, blub-at-the-drop-of-a-hat actress Amanda Holden.

In fact, the band would probably only get 20 seconds into their audition before being unceremoniously buzzed off stage for a quick 'where did it all go wrong?' chat with Ant 'n' Dec.

This is entirely the reason why I quite like them and why you should too.

You see, Carpetburn offer something rather different to the polished, pop-driven, disposable drivel served up by these so-called TV talent search shows.

Led by frontman and lead guitarist Pete Glover, the quartet excels in terms of off-beat yet beautiful gems of left-field indie rock.

Think cult US rockers Pavement but with Medway accents.

Pete's vocal are, to put it kindly, short of note perfect standard, but therein lays a certain charm.

The lyrics are thought-provoking, offering three-minute commentaries on tiny fragments of life, from relationships to random irritations concerning the state of society.

And then there's the musicianship. The angular riffs offered up by Pete and fellow guitarist Tom Uden are backed up ably by bassist



**MARMITE:** Go and check out the 'lovely lads' from Carpetburn – you'll either love them or hate them

Matt Hayward and drummer Ashley Yeates.

Having done away with the constraints of the simple verse-chorus-verse format, the band serve up a plethora of hand-picked melodies, crashing rock chords and two-minute outros – sometimes all in the same song.

It's either genius or rubbish; truly Carpetburn are the county's musical equivalent of Marmite.

Judge for yourself at the band's next gig, at The Barge, Gillingham, on Wednesday, September 30.

The official Facebook event page lists the night as: "Sh\*t hot tunes about girls, wizards and being ill played beautifully by the loveliest lads you're ever likely to meet."

"There are no other bands playing, so no rubbish to sit through. Just 100 per cent pure jangle-core!"

"It is in the darkest depths of Gillingham so machetes are advised. Once you get to the Barge itself however, melty candles, fine ale and a nice shrubbery await."

For more about the band visit [www.myspace.com/carpetburn](http://www.myspace.com/carpetburn).

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# Star Zooey is singing her own tune in Hollywood

■ BY KATE WHITING

YOU might not recognise Zooey Deschanel, or even be sure how to pronounce her name, but the blue-eyed songbird has been busy wowing Hollywood for a decade.

Her latest movie, 500 Days Of Summer, was a hit at indie festival Sundance earlier this year and follows roles in more mainstream hits like Yes Man, Elf, and Brad Pitt's pithily titled The Assassination Of Jesse James By The Coward Robert Ford.

Named after JD Salinger's Zooey (from his third novel, Franny and Zooey), acting is in Zooey's blood. Her dad Caleb is an Oscar-winning director and cinematographer, mum Mary Jo appeared in Twin Peaks and older sister Emily is also an actress.

But Zooey, pronounced 'Zoe', has never allowed herself to become pigeon-holed by Hollywood.

Equally intent on pursuing her music career, the kooky dresser released her debut album last year and sings on several of her movies, including performing a cover of The Smiths' Please, Please, Please Let Me Get What I Want in 500 Days.

The film pairs her up with her friend of eight years 3rd Rock From The Sun's Joseph Gordon-Levitt, who plays Tom, a greetings card writer who falls for his co-worker Summer (Zooey).

Yet it's no ordinary boy meets girl tale. The film rewrites traditional romcom rules by telling the story from Tom's point of view.

In a clever reversal of gender roles, Tom is the angst-ridden romantic, while Summer refuses to be tied down.

"I hesitate to even say that this is a romantic comedy, because I don't think it is," asserts Zooey, 29.

"It's more of a coming of age story about



COMING OF AGE: Singer and actress Zooey Deschanel

romance, but it walks a lot of genre lines. 'Romantic comedy' at this point is used to describe a very, very narrow genre that isn't really usually something I connect with."

For Zooey, the film's appeal lay in its unique structure and well-written characters.

"I really loved the characters and the way this story was told. In Tom's mind, Summer's the ideal woman. But she's just a smart, independent, interesting girl. I like the fact that Tom's perspective added a style to the film."

"She helps him grow because he's kind of stuck in a little fantasy world. He's not quite a real man yet and he needs to be. Summer helps Tom become a man."

Hollywood has long churned out schmaltzy

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romcoms and, in more recent years, the 'bro-romance' has also taken off, with the likes of Seth Rogan and Paul Rudd sharing their feelings for their male friends.

Could 500 Days spark of a new wave of comedies told from the sensitive man's point of view? "I hope so!" says Zooey. "You'd hope that along with the progress of women's liberation there has been a progression for men as well."

"It's just as relevant to have a film about a guy and his first real heartbreak as it is to have a film about a woman's. I think it's about time."

Despite her music passion, acting is important – Zooey is teaming up with Danny McBride, Natalie Portman and James Franco next in fantasy comedy Your Highness and there's a Janis Joplin biopic waiting in the wings.

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**COMEDY GENIUS:** The nation's latest favourite show is Family Guy, headed up by dad Peter

### BY TOM BETTS

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JUDGING from what I hear down the pub, Family Guy must be the most talked about show on TV right now.

It seems to be everywhere and I know a bunch of my friends have the box sets of all eight series.

It's one of those shows that people can get a little obsessive about and devour on DVD, sitting for hours and hours at a time taking in each and every moment. You could call these people geeks but I prefer to look at them as an appreciative audience.

The adventures of the Griffin family are certainly influenced by its animated forerunner The Simpsons.

Dad Peter, who much of the action tends to centre around, is Homer under another name and his sheer haplessness is the backbone of most episodes. However, this is a lot ruder and a lot gutsier than the Simpsons.

Many of the jokes are played out in cutaway and flashback sequences.

The characters leading into the seemingly endless fantasy scenarios

with lines "do you remember that time when..." setting up all manner of mad scenarios and sequences.

That trick has led to criticism from purists who say it's an easy way of getting laughs, but then, if you're laughing hard who really cares?

Reality dating shows are almost always boring, with their enviably good-looking contestants massaging their own egos and earning no sympathy from the viewers. The exception is Beauty and the Geek, in which nerdy no-hopers pair up with glamorous girls to take part in challenges.

The subtitles introducing each geek include Nate, "Singer: Stars Wars Band" and Piao "Has Only Kissed One Girl". The girls are slightly more prosaic, with Megan (Playboy model) and Sheree (Hooters waitress).

When two complete opposites work alongside each other, it draws you in to see the couples start to warm to each other, despite being physically and culturally poles-apart.

But it's genuinely heart-warming when the guys start to appreciate more than the silicon and lip gloss and the girls see past the nerdy specs.

It's funny without being cruel and makes for a refreshing change when they end up as soulmates.

Geek is the new chic.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)

**RETURNING** to your student days will be great fun. You love the intellectual stimulation learning can bring. A musical type will catch your romantic interest. Be prepared to have your horizons broadened. This would be a good time to resume a writing project.

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**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)

**YOU'VE** always been the most reliable member of your team and less diligent workmates palm responsibilities onto you. There are plenty of companies that would be eager to hire someone like you. Position yourself as the rising star you are or people will continue to take advantage.

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**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)

**AN** email or cheque could be returned, causing you all sorts of trouble. It may be necessary to pay a penalty thanks to someone else's incompetence. It may be better to pay the fine and be done with it. Don't overestimate your ability to capture someone special's heart.

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**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)

**OLD** worries come back to haunt you. You thought you'd conquered this demon some time ago, you have; it's just you need to do some residual work. By calmly facing down your anxieties, you'll be able to move on to the next phase. Don't let a female executive intimidate you.

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**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)

**GO** through credit card bills with a fine-toothed comb. The more proactive you are about your cash situation, the easier it will be to achieve security. Stop buying into the myth you are bad with money. You have the capacity to make a fortune, so long as you're more attentive.

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**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)

**YOU** may have to brush up on skills you learned as a child. If you quit piano lessons or stopped writing stories, now is the time to begin again. Submerging yourself in a hobby could bring an old friend or flame back into your life. Resist the temptation to get involved again.

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**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)

**CASH** you've been relying on may not arrive when you need it. Make an alternate plan. Whether this means borrowing from a relative or downsizing your lifestyle is immaterial. The important thing is to take control. Keeping your head in the sand will compound your problems.

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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)

**AN** organisation you once worked for could ask for your help. You have serious reservations about getting involved with them again. Feel free to turn them down. Although you still care about the issues, you can't abide the people. Why make problems for yourself?

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**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)

**A RELATIONSHIP** issue that plagued you in the past could resurface. It's possible you've been spending so much time at work a partner feels neglected. You need to loosen up. By making just a few adjustments, you'll get the support and companionship you crave.

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**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)

**CHANGING** routines is essential to your happiness. Someone who has a new job or different schedule needs to be accommodated. If you live on your own, you may be thinking about moving back in with a relative. Maintain your independence. Find another way to make ends meet.

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**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)

**ALTHOUGH** you deeply resent a relative or neighbour's interference with your personal life, you have no choice but to go with the flow. A big-headed colleague may want you to break off a romance. This is probably because they are jealous. Turn a deaf ear to their sniping.

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**YOU** may have to take over for your boss. Although you hate the extra responsibility, you are pleased to know others have confidence in you. By the time everybody gets back in place, you will have earned your right to a pay raise or perk. Resist the urge to buy a status symbol.

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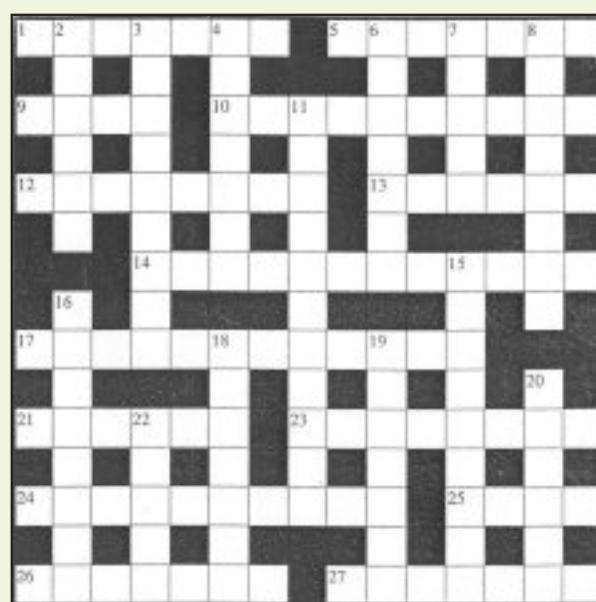
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- 9 Stunning card? (4)
- 10 One new form I see, of a style of art and architecture (10)
- 12 Show team collapsing to some extent (8)
- 13 Like a rough cloth, flowery? (6)
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- 17 New current of opinion from another quarter (4,2,6)
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- 23 Candle or tool shortly left in island off Hampshire (3-5)
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- 25 Spots aircraftman, one without the ball (4)
- 26 You would be offended if you take it (7)
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#### DOWN

- 2 Corset to come quickly (4-2)
- 3 Citizen Edward was made liable (9)
- 4 Fancy spring ball (4,3)
- 6 Open order at lunch (7)
- 7 Beat cook (5)
- 8 Superficial type in southeast had record (4-4)
- 11 Not easily accessible from street (3,2,3,3)
- 15 Dirt Hazel removed from peninsula (3,6)
- 16 Tree number six found above stream with small amount of hesitation (8)
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- 1 Body of troops (7)
- 5 Ceremonial flight (7)
- 9 Cosy (4)
- 10 May-beetle (10)
- 12 Protein in connective tissue (8)
- 13 Spout (6)
- 14 November 5th (7,5)
- 17 Hard to understand (12)
- 21 Powerful person (6)
- 23 Ta (5,3)
- 24 Substance that kills toadstools etc. (10)
- 25 Tidy (4)
- 26 Platter (anag.) (7)
- 27 Tiredly (7)

#### DOWN

- 2 Arbitrary (6)
- 3 TV set (6-3)
- 4 Conga (anag.) (7)
- 6 A permit (7)
- 7 Vitality (5)
- 8 Surreptitious (8)
- 11 Took possession of (11)
- 15 One gliding at the rink (3-6)
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# Gatecrasher's Dutch courage

BY SIMON ROBINSON

PICTURE the scene: it's roughly 4am, I'm in the hotel lift, alone and very much the worse for wear, on my way up to the penthouse suite.

I am heading for The Black Eyed Peas' Rotterdam after-party. I am not invited.

The lift doors open and I take a few tentative steps into the plush corridor, taking in the six or so room doors, most of which display 'Do not disturb' signs.

Then it hits me. How do I know which room contains The Black Eyed Peas, their entourage, vintage champagne by the bucket load and so on?

Easy. I'll put my ear to each door. The one with the most noise emanating from within will most likely be theirs.

Then it truly hits me. What am I going to say should lead singers Will.i.am or Fergie open the door?

After all, The Black Eyed Peas are a multi-million selling international supergroup and I am just an intoxicated journalist clutching a now defunct press pass to the TMF Music Awards, which took place in Rotterdam earlier that night.

Deflated by the sobering realisation of my sorry situation, I withdraw my clenched door-knocking fist – which was poised and ready to strike – return to the lift and make my way back to my second-floor room. This turns out to be the most surreal, regrettable and yet vivid moment of my three-day trip to Rotterdam.

Things had started quite normally the previous day. We had checked in to the hotel and walked to Rotterdam's Euromast tower.

The impressive concrete structure – a member of the World Federation of Great Towers – offers unparalleled 360-degree views of the



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clean municipality from 180 metres up.

We were then treated to a two-hour bicycle tour of Rotterdam, taking in the Nieuwe Maas river, which splits Rotterdam in half (and is so integral to the former port town's past), main shopping centre, nightspots and prized architecture. Later that night we attended the Your Music one-day festival, headlined by American hip-hop stars NERD.

The festival formed part of Rotterdam's summer Your World programme of free, youth events. A second Your World event was to follow on our third and final day.

But now let's move on to the second day – now for ever known as The Day I Very Nearly Drunkenly Gatecrashed The Black Eyed Peas' After Party (TDIVNDGTBEPAP).

After breakfast – at which a fellow journalist announced they had seen The Black Eyed Peas checking in – our group was treated to a

45-minute river tour by spido, an open-top 200-seat river bus. The pre-recorded commentary gave an insight into Rotterdam's close and centuries-old association with the river. Later that day we headed for the open-air TMF awards, Holland's equivalent to the MTV music awards.

The Black Eyed Peas headlined before retiring to their hotel. Our third and final day was spent at the Metropolis Festival, held in the glorious surrounds of the plush Zuiderpark.

Big-name bands such as Smashing Pumpkins and Interpol were among the artists to perform in their pre-fame days.

We saw plenty more emerging stars before being driven back to the airport.

I was sorry to leave, having enjoyed Rotterdam's varied nightlife, festivals and rich culture. But I got the impression The Black Eyed Peas were glad to see the back of me.

## FACT FILE: ROTTERDAM

<b>Time difference</b>	+One hour (GMT)
<b>Climate</b>	Temperate
<b>Language</b>	Dutch
<b>Population</b>	58,000
<b>Currency</b>	euro (£1 = 1.13 euros)
<b>Religion</b>	Christian

## Travel details

Simon Robinson flew with VLM Airlines from London City to Rotterdam Airport.

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Simon stayed at the Golden Tulip Rotterdam Centre hotel.

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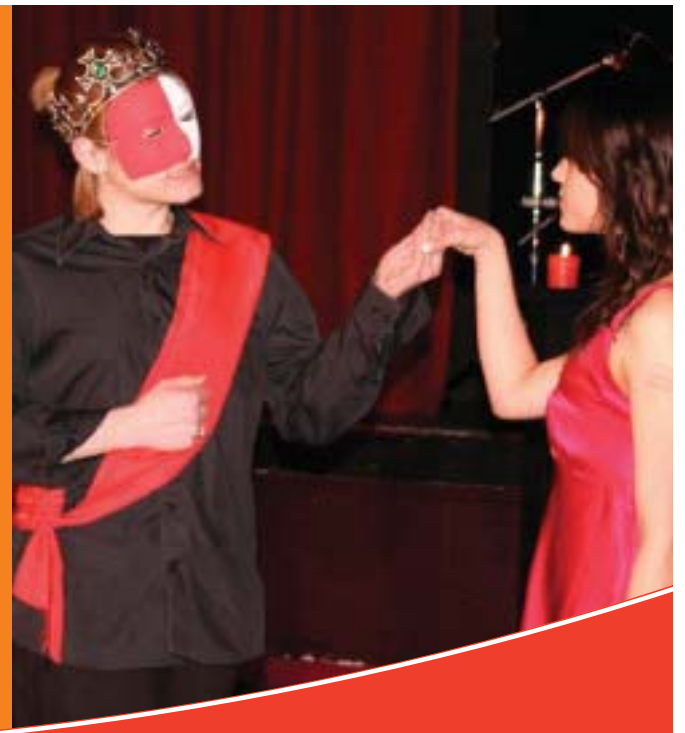
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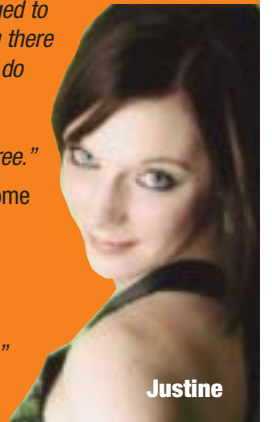
Justine joined South Kent College after a spell in hospital that prevented her taking her GCSEs. She enrolled on the courses shown here and progressed from the Level 2 (Merit) to the Level 3 (Triple Distinction). She has now completed her first year at Thames Valley University where she is currently on target for a first class BA (Hons) in Acting for Stage & Media.

Justine really enjoyed her time at South Kent College,

*"Anyone who loves acting would really want to go to the College. They have great teachers who are always pushing you to succeed but you are never afraid to ask for help or support and you are always encouraged to express yourself. I still really miss the College. Studying there made me realise that you can do anything you want to do if you put your heart and soul into it. If it wasn't for the teachers pushing me forward I don't think I would be where I am today, on target for a first class honours degree."*

After completing her degree Justine hopes to spend some time in America.

*"I have some family over there and I have an opportunity to gain some teaching experience doing theatre workshops. My goal is to develop my own theatre company and take it on tour around the States."*



**Justine**

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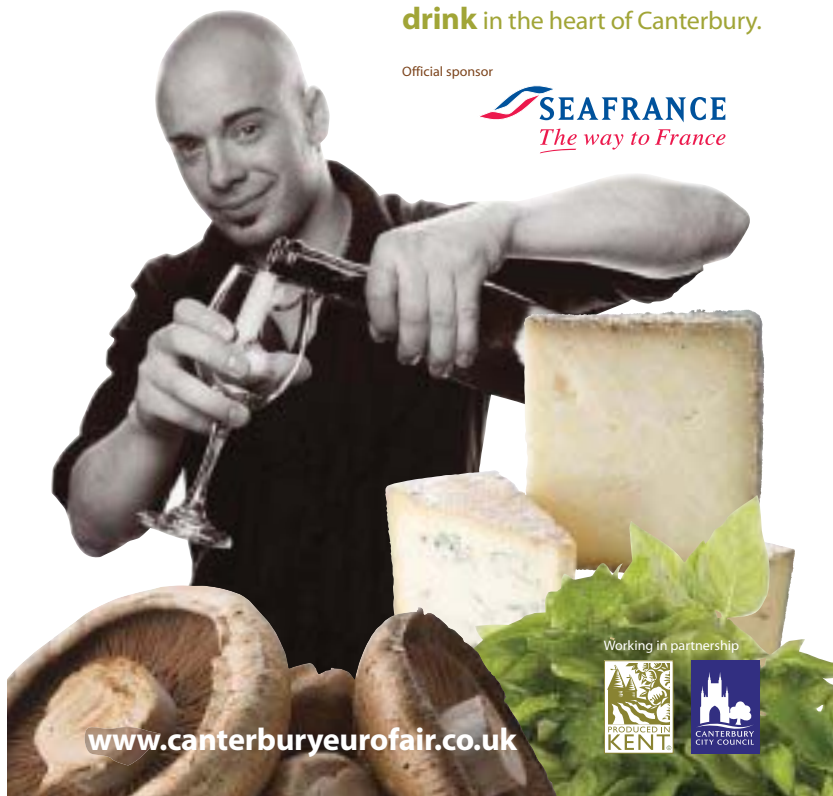
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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Keeping optimism up boosts sale chances

HOMEOWNERS are regaining their confidence in the UK housing market with 35 per cent of vendors currently prepared to stick with their asking price, rather than drop to secure a sale.

According to new research from The Co-operative Bank, a change in attitude is taking place among sellers, although home buyers are holding back with only 12 per cent prepared to offer the full asking price for a property.

The study also reveals 54 per cent of people questioned have begun to feel more optimistic about the UK housing market, with 29 per cent of this group noticing positive vibes in the last month.

The Co-op's director of retail banking, John Hughes, said: "With much speculation about green shoots of recovery in the housing market, the findings do indicate that consumer optimism is starting to return, although there clearly still remains some way to go."

In the meantime, homeowners are keeping themselves busy with maintenance and developing strategies for a sale. The study claims 49 per cent of respondents said they would repaint, while 10 per cent planned to send away pets during viewings.

A further five per cent were studying feng shui and two per cent are borrowing a flash car to park in the drive.

### Building on new homes

HOUSE building in England is on the up, with figures from the Department for Communities and Local Government showing a 63 per cent quarterly rise in the number of new starts.

During the three months to the end of June work began on an estimated 29,980 homes although the figure fell nine per cent short when compared to the same period of 2008.

The second quarter of 2009 also saw housing completions increase 24 per cent to an estimated 39,320, compared to the March quarter, up seven per cent from a year earlier.

Private enterprise housing starts leapt 73 per cent in the June quarter but were still 12 per cent lower than a year earlier. Private enterprise completions rose 27 per cent putting on just one per cent compared to the same period of 2008.

On an annual basis, housing starts for England continued to decline, with 87,190 in the 12 months to the end June, down 41 per cent year-on-year and falling 53 per cent behind the 2005/6 peak.

Finally, the year to the end of June saw 136,140 completion in total, down 16 per cent on the previous 12 months.



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# Green shoots may not be able to take root just yet

■ BY NICK AMES

ACCORDING to the latest figures from Nationwide, house prices rose 1.6 per cent in August, the fourth consecutive rise of their house price index.

The average price of a home, according to the building society, is now £160,224 with the rise underpinned by the low interest rate set by the Bank of England.

The monthly change in house prices from July was up 0.2 per cent, with the annual decline slowing from minus 6.2 per cent to minus 2.7 per cent. Nationwide say the housing market has been buoyed by low interest rates, but warns they will not stay low forever.

Martin Gahbauer, Nationwide's chief economist, said: "The exceptionally low level of interest rates offers some explanation for why house prices have not repeated the very sharp falls of 2008."

"There are two main channels through which the low level of interest rates has impacted the housing market. Firstly, mortgage payments for existing homeowners, especially those with tracker or standard variable rate loans, have been reduced substantially."

"In addition to limiting the supply of second-hand homes, lower interest rates have also had an impact on the demand side. Even though house prices remain high relative to earnings, the fall in interest rates has improved the affordability of mortgages for those looking to buy a home."

"While low interest rates have clearly played a part in reversing the downward pressure on house prices, they are unlikely to stay at the current level forever."

"It is important to keep this in mind when interpreting recent price trends."

Earlier the British Bankers Association showed approvals for mortgages among high



**STILL UNCERTAIN:** Although the market is improving, experts warn we're not out of the woods just yet

street banks in July were 77 per cent higher than a year ago. But housing experts have warned unemployment could be the key issue to preventing a full recovery of the housing market this year.

Nick Hopkinson, director of Property Portfolio Rescue said: "The latest data shows that house prices have stabilised recently but on 'wafer thin' sales volumes, as homeowners sit tight amidst wider economic uncertainty."

"With unemployment continuing to soar and securing a new mortgage almost impossible for most borrowers, we are likely to see prices

falling back again later this year as the peak summer buying season ends."

And the National Association of Estate Agents said the government must continue to aid the beleaguered housing market.

President Gary Smith said: "Whilst it is true that conditions in many areas across the country remain tough, we must now concentrate on how the government and major lenders can build on this evidence of new consumer confidence to further consolidate what will no doubt be the lynch-pin of general recovery in the UK economy."

## Mortgage lending a hand to market

MORTGAGE lending rose 26 per cent in July compared with June, according to the latest figures to be released by the Council of Mortgage Lenders.

Gross mortgage lending totalled an estimated £16 billion in July, 26 per cent higher than the £12.7 billion lent by mortgage providers in June but still down 36 per cent from £24.9 billion in July 2008.

The CML said the latest figures were an indication of a modest improvement in the housing market over the summer after an exceptionally weak winter.

But mortgage lending is still down on any historic comparison; this is the lowest July

lending figure since 2001 and £11 billion lower than the July average over the previous seven years of £27 billion. The CML added that lending volumes remained consistent with its forecast for £145 billion in gross mortgage lending this year.

The trade body predicted the rise in mortgage lending reflected the seasonal trend over the summer months as a whole. June and July are, typically, strong months in terms of mortgage lending because of increased activity among potential homebuyers.

CML economist Paul Samter said: "Most of the indices point to house prices rising modestly over the summer months. The CML's July

gross lending estimate of £16 billion is the highest level in nine months and consistent with the rise in house purchase approvals."

"But the bounce-back in activity from the extreme weakness around the turn of the year, coinciding with a seasonal bounce, is limited in how far it can go against the current back-drop."

"We expect improved sentiment to support the market, but a further significant pick-up is unlikely with so many obstacles in place. As a result, we anticipate some seasonal slowing in lending volumes and housing transactions over the latter part of the year and the picture of a slow but more stable market to emerge."

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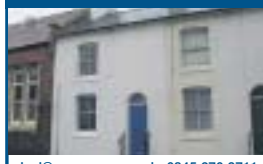


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**WEST END** £104,995

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- 2 bed apartment
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- Ground floor with parking
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**WEST END** £144,950

**FOLKESTONE OFFICE** HFP02526

- 3 Bedrooms top floor flat
- Views over Grimston Gardens
- No chain, share of freehold



**FOLKESTONE** £140,000

**FOLKESTONE OFFICE** HFP02944

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- Superb condition
- Large garden



**FOLKESTONE** £94,995

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- Garage & Parking
- No chain



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- En suite & garage/driveway



**FOLKESTONE** £180,000

**FOLKESTONE OFFICE** HFP02967

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- South facing rear garden



**FOLKESTONE** £134,995

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- 2 Receptions, modern kitchen
- Well presented, call to view



**FOLKESTONE** £89,995

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- Popular location
- Must be seen



**TOWN CENTRE** £99,995

**FOLKESTONE OFFICE** HFP02905

- One bed apartment
- Newly built
- No chain



**FOLKESTONE** £114,995

**FOLKESTONE OFFICE** HFP03005

- 3 bedroom terraced
- 2 reception rooms
- Kitchen & utility room



**EASTCLIFF** £79,995

**FOLKESTONE OFFICE** HFP02082

- Studio flat
- Newly renovated
- No chain



**WEST END** £164,995

**FOLKESTONE OFFICE** HFP02379

- 2 bed apartment
- Lots of features
- Shared garden and no chain



**FOLKESTONE** £329,950

**FOLKESTONE OFFICE** HFP01920

- Seven Bedroom Semi Detached
- 3 Reception rooms & 2 Bathrooms
- Medium garden up to 60ft



**CHERITON** £147,500

**FOLKESTONE OFFICE** HFP02991

- 3 bedroom terraced
- Lounge/diner
- GCH & DG



**WEST END OF FOLKESTONE** £129,995

**FOLKESTONE OFFICE** HFP02976

- 2 bedroom apartment
- Garage
- No chain



**3DOVER** £114,995

**FOLKESTONE OFFICE** HFP03034

- 2 bedroom terraced
- Superb decorative order
- Large rear garden



**SANDGATE** £109,995

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- One bed apartment
- Walking distance to beach
- Off road parking



**THE GATEWAY** £145,000

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- Two bedrooms
- Keys ready



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- DG & GCH



**FOLKESTONE** £229,500

**FOLKESTONE OFFICE** HFP02395

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- Two bedrooms/conservatory
- Immaculate detached bungalow



**FOLKESTONE** £157,500

**FOLKESTONE OFFICE** HFP02930

- Three bedroom semi
- Conservatory
- Garage & driveway



**WEST END** £199,995

**FOLKESTONE OFFICE** HFP03060

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**FOLKESTONE/CHERITON** £250,000

**FOLKESTONE OFFICE** HFP02958

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Ashford based, bubbly and fun single mum, 23yr old, curvy build, brunette. I like reading and socialising. WLTW like minded male. Box 457472

### A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Hi I'm Katie, caring, fun-loving, 5ft5, slim single mum of 2. Enjoy clubbing out and cosy nights in with genuine man. Box 453262

### MATCH OF THE DAY!

20yr-to-be-with, blonde female, 25, 5ft2, a woman who loves football! Enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446494

### NOT YOUR BROWN-EYED GIRL, BUT...

Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105

### YOURS AND YOURS ONLY

Attractive, down-to-earth British-Indian single mum, 29, WLTW white British male, 29-34, no ties, for long-term relationship. Box 883341

### IS ANYONE OUT THERE?

31yr old easygoing, independent female, WLTW cuddly fella to enjoy the finer things in life with, leading to LTR with the right person. Box 879331

### WAITING FOR YOU!

Tall curvy, cuddly female, 32, brunette with green eyes, seeks tall, white, attractive, easygoing male for fun and LTR. Chatham Box 874763

### GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE

Loving lovely lady, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 5ft4, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471

### HORSES FOR COURSES...

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

### GOOD LUCK CHARM

Sporty female, 34, 5ft2, likes the gym, beach walks, tennis and cycling, with similar male in his 30s for friendship in Eastbourne. Box 453712

### A FAIRYTALE ENDING!

Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek. 5ft8, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877857

### FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME...

Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair. I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039

### HAPPY DAYS!

Attractive, fun-loving female, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair, blonde highlights, tactile, WLTW intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

### SOUND GOOD?

Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoys cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447595

### SEALED WITH A KISS

Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, winning, dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship... Box 453079

### STARRY NIGHTS

Hello I'm Sarah, single mum from Kent, brown hair enjoy swimming nights in/out looking for a caring man to share the best thing in life. Box 878378

### HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

## BE MINE

Honest, caring woman, 36, 5ft5, slim, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest, have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding. Maidstone. Box 456159

## SOMETHING LASTING

Professional single mum, 37, own home, looking for a man for friendship, hopefully a permanent relationship. Halsham Box 455221

## GALLOP AHEAD!

Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim build, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding and WLTW honest, reliable man. Box 451311

## SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

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Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship/romance. Box 879793

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## LOVE TO LOVE YOU

Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102

## ENTHUSIASM ENCOURAGED!

Really pretty big-busted lady, 39, medium build, 5ft5, lots of energy! Likes the gym, reading, new experiences! seeking nice man for potential exciting relationship! Box 446724

## A SOUL MATE

Black Christian girl, 39, likes country music, loving, considerate, kind and caring, seeks like-minded man, 32-50, with a pretty inside. Box 453066

## PERFECT MATCH

Hi I'm Nikki, 5ft7, brown hair, green eyes, enjoys animals/pets. Looking for a tall man who has a personality compatible with mine. Box 453374

## YOUNG-AT-HEART

Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walks, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship, relationship. Box 901893

## TO THE STARS

Woman with a great sense of humour, I'm 40 and I like going out, astrology, writing and socialising. How about you? Kent area. Box 453277

## A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, with a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

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## JOINED AT THE HIP

Sociable, petite girl, great SOH, 40, blonde, sociable, love football! Seeks fun guy with great SOH for inseparable partnership. Box 880434

## BETWEEN US

Asian lady, 41, single, no ties, outgoing, fun-loving, professional, looking for white male, genuine, professional and solvent. Box 451900

## FOR A RELATIONSHIP?

Shy but confident-once-known female, a mum, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106

## ACTIVE TYPE

Lively, energetic fun loving mum, 42, 5ft3, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair, hazel eyes. WLTW honest, fun, mixed race/black gent, for lasting relationship. Box 451819

## ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Hello, I'm Nikki, 41yr young, 5ft1, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possible romance and fun times. Box 444796

## LOVE IS ALL AROUND

Happy-go-lucky, bubbly blonde, 42, blue eyes, hard-working, love outings, looking for a nice, genuine guy for relationship. Bromley Box 454517

## HELLO EVERYONE!

Single dog-owner, 42, fun-loving, kind and loyal, likes meals out, weekends away, country walks, WLTW a non-smoking guy to have it all with. Seaford Box 454569

## LET'S DATE!

Hard-working woman, 42, WLTW nice and caring man to date and be happy with. Herne Bay Box 455327

## A CHANCE FOR ROMANCE

Energetic 43yr old female, 5'9", short dark hair/blue eyes, slim, have grown up daughter, love the outdoors, cooking, good food, music, days out, country walks...Medway. Box 456868

## TALL ORDER

Curvy lady, 5ft9, 43yrs old, blonde hair/green eyes. I live in Deal in Kent, I'm down-to-earth and like being out and about. Box 456020

## LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with gsoh for friendship/relationship. Box 450348

## ONLY LOVE

Looking for a young at heart, non-smoking, cat loving male. I'm 44, enjoy travelling, reading and going out, looking for friendship, possibly a relationship. Folkestone Box 456019

## STARTING OVER

Divorced 45yr old cuddly woman, brown eyes/hair, likes swimming, animals, cinema, soaps, the beach. WLTW a honest, non-smoking man for friendship, maybe more. Ashford Box 878141

## RELIGHT MY FIRE

Young professional widow, 46, own home, tall, attractive, green eyes/fair hair, enjoys all the good things in life. Looking for a fun-loving romantic guy. Box 876575

## HEART AND SOUL

Easygoing single mum, 46, 5ft4, size 12/14, likes bowling, gardening, swimming, looking for a man, 35-49, slim/medium build with similar interests. Maidstone Box 454176

## COME ON DOWN!

Honest, bubbly female 45, long hair, slim, enjoys walking, cinema, socialising, seeks honest, friendly chap for friendship leading to more. Box 882693

## FRIENDSHIP FIRST

Understanding, caring female, 45, 5ft4, medium build, brown hair, likes cinema, animals, music, romantic pubs, seeking male for cuddles, hugs and more. Box 444873

## FROM THIS MOMENT

Young-looking 46yr old female, 5ft4, slim, n/s, affectionate, loyal and caring, looking for a male, 40-45, n/s, 5ft7, to share life with. Ashford. Box 454593

## HOPING YOUR THE ONE

Petite, outgoing blonde, 46, GSOH, looking for a caring, compassionate man who will be my soulmate and hopefully my life partner. Box 454710

## ETERNALLY YOURS

Easygoing woman, likes most things in life: country walks, films, cinema, cooking. I'm 46, 5ft2, medium build. WLTW genuine, happy guy, easygoing and fun. Box 445635

## ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366

## 2'S COMPANY

Seeking gent, 46-50ish. I'm a divorced woman, in Pkve, 47, work in nursing and WLTW someone loving and faithful. I like meals out, theatre, arts, walks. Box 452503

## BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER

Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy. Box 425952

## A WONDERFUL IDEA

Professional lady, 49, n/s, with manners and a heart, good-looking, hazel eyes, blonde hair, likes cinema, week-ends away and walks, WLTW my soul mate! Maidstone Box 455662

## TWO LOVELY LADIES UP FOR GRABS!

Two bubbly divorced ladies, 49 and 50, looking for two normal divorced guys, early 50s, for happy times and romance. East Sussex Box 456876

## CARING & PROFESSIONAL

Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings Box 417100

## JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTW genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

## SHARE A BOTTLE

This is Diane, I'm 51, 5ft7, quite curvy, very social, honest and friendly. I work full-time and want to spend time with a nice man. Box 453370

## LOVELY BUBBLY

Short 51yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-58, with gsoh to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311

## BRING ME TO LIFE

Lighthearted female, 42, 5ft2, medium build, loves walking, socialising, swimming, holidays, looking for friendship maybe more. Box 453832

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Professional woman, young 53, likes gardening, summer BBQs, keeping fit and long walks, looking for a non-smoking man to share life with. Box 453307

## REAL THING

Tactile female, 54, 5ft3, medium build, likes walking, animals, countryside, places of interest, looking for an adventurous, Irish fellow to accompany me. Box 453859

## DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS?

Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448863

## TALL & SLIM

Sociable female, 54, tall & slim, short dark hair, green eyes, love gardening, walks, reading, visiting country pubs, dining out, with a like-minded gent. Box 456504

## COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, HOPEFULLY MORE

Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTW similar loving male. Box 443642

## A FAIRY TALE ENDING

Bubbly blonde, 56, hazel eyes, hard working, seeking a man, 45-55, to be my knight in shining armour. Herne Bay Box 454417

## LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795

## DOG LOVER?

Lovely lady of 58, 5ft7, medium build, blonde hair, a hairdresser, likes art galleries, theatre, cinema and painting, seeks male to enjoy this and more. Box 457241

## WALKS ALONG THE COAST

Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622

## BEING WITH YOU

Hi I'm Jenny, 61yr old widow, enjoys pub meals, countryside, the beach, cinema, seeks loving male for friendship and more. Box 453104

## SHARE THE QUIET TIMES TOGETHER

62yr old attractive, well presented, happy lady, 52", short dark hair, slim build, love beach walks, picnics, music, cosy nights, with a like-minded, genuine male. Box 455635

## LOTS OF TLC TO GIVE

Happy-go-lucky lady, 63, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, likes dancing, walking, holidays abroad, looking for like-minded male for friendship, maybe LTR. Box 452897

## SOMEBODY TO LAUGH WITH...

Loving lady looking for companionship, 63, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, likes dancing, walks and animals; seeks similar male with great SOH for lasting happiness. Box 446382

## NEARLY FOUND

Tall, slim, fair-haired lady, 68, sociable but lonely and looking to meet a man to take a special place in my life. Folkestone. Box 454993

## Women seeking women

### JUST A GIRL

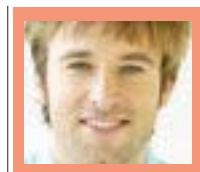
Bubbly, feminine, attractive lady seeking the same! I'm slim, athletic, blonde hair/blue eyes. I'm 28 and WLTW similar female. Box 878997

### THE SWEETEST THING

Hello there, I'm Heather, 46, kind and caring, looking for a similar soulmate. Seaford Box 454133

### HOPE YOU'RE OUT THERE?

Sincere female, 49, likes football, animals, country pursuits, seeks feminine woman for friendship, maybe more. Gillingham Box 456805



## MEN seeking women

### HOP SKIP AND A JUMP!

Attractive man, 27, 6ft3, dark hair/blue eyes. Hastings area. I like art and would like to meet similar female. Box 457268

### LOVE ME TENDER

Fun-loving honest guy, 34, 5ft11, brown hair, seeking honest, caring female for friendship, maybe leading to honest, tender relationship. Eastbourne. Box 446200

### MANY INTERESTS

Ashford based man. I'm 35 and enjoy music, walking, dogs, biking. WLTW female for friendship, maybe relationship. Box 457220

### BOTTLE OF WINE

Hi there, I'm an easygoing male, 35, 5ft9, medium build, brown hair. I'm based in Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, drinks, cinema, walks. Box 450165

### CALL ON ME

Hi Ladies! Here, 37, 6ft2, blue eyes, short hair, medium build, gsoh, loving, caring, seeking female for a LTR. Chatham Box 873903

### STICK WITH YOU

Attention 38yr old male, looking for a special lady to slowly re-discover all the good things in life. Box 454688

### VERY LOVING AND LOYAL

Jason, 39, 6ft, dark hair, smart, average looks, single dad, recently separated, would love to meet single mum for helpful relationship. Box 457340

### TRUSTWORTHY

Margate man, 37, 6ft3, dark hair, nice big smile. I work in residential care which I love. I'm down-to-earth, kind, tactile, with a GSOH. Box 423437



## MOTORS NEWS



### Sales shock as Korean 'mini' takes No1 spot

HYUNDAI is claiming the No1 sales slot in August, overtaking perennial leaders Ford and Vauxhall.

The Korean marque's claim is based on sales to private buyers rather than the fleet sector, which delivers such a big chunk of registrations to the dominant pair of brands.

A big part of the Hyundai success story has been its little i10 city car (pictured), helped by the Government-sponsored Scrappage scheme that encourages owners of older cars to trade them in for a £2,000 discount against a new car.



### Suzuki launch luxury Swift for '59 plate

SUZUKI has launched a highly-specified version of its popular Swift supermini to chase '59 plate sales.

The SZ-L limited edition (pictured) is based on the 1.3-litre GL five-door model, but gains air con, pearlescent or metallic paint, 15-inch alloys, side protection mouldings, interior carpet mats and chrome highlights.

Heated door mirrors incorporate side indicators and are electrically retractable when parked. It can average nearly 50mpg and is priced at £10,250.

Suzuki has also added a four-door saloon (£11,895) to its SX4 hatchback range.



### Caterham Lego builds on Top Gear award

LEGO has immortalised the Kent-built Caterham R500 sports car by adding it to its Legoland display.

The car, which is made at Dartford, has been recreated at the Windsor theme park along with Top Gear presenters Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond, James May and the Stig, after winning the TV show's 'Car of the Year' title.

Based on the legendary 1950s Lotus Seven design by Colin Chapman, the £38,000 Caterham Superlight R500 won that award after a giant-killing contest, outpacing such supercars as the £1 million Bugatti Veyron.



**NOT SO PICTURESQUE:** The new Renault Scenic, while spacious, is blighted by an ugly dashboard, poor cabin materials and you will be better served by purchasing your own sat nav

## Several eyesores get in the way of latest Scenic route

RENAULT would love us to believe that buying its Scenic compact MPV implies every journey will be a sensory pleasure – the 'scenic route'.

And there is much about the new third-generation car to uphold but, as so often with the French marque, some scenery jars on the senses.

The cabin on the five-seat version tested is spacious, but enhanced by a big glazed area and, on our upmarket 2.0 dCi 160 Dynamique 'Tom Tom' model (£20,445), a sunroof to the front and a glassy rear roof.

However, the dashboard is one of the ugliest you will see and cabin materials are generally off the pace.

A long hood over an uninspiring and penny-pinching centre mounted digital display also fails to prevent some reflection on the screen of a much-vaunted factory-fitted sat nav, adding £350 to the price.

This system, developed with aftermarket sat nav leader Tom Tom to provide an affordable alternative to often inferior units fitted by carmakers, is a brave effort, but the screen is let down by a clunky and unnecessary interface on the centre console – buy a portable

## ROAD TEST RENAULT SCENIC

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Tom Tom and save a couple of hundred quid.

The sound system – apart from the excellent steering column mounted controls – is also typically and needlessly complicated; surely, in this day and age, you should not have to refer to the manual just to perform the simplest tasks?

Fortunately though, as with the occasional eyesore on a long journey, such niggles should disappear with long term ownership and familiarity, leaving a better overall view of the latest Scenic.

For the car looks good for an MPV, has a wide tailgate for easy loading and the three rear seats fold and slide easily, although I did receive some earache about the comfort levels.

Three 12v sockets are arranged to the front, middle and rear and a large sliding centre console and four under floor lockers add to the huge amount of stowage.

The refined 160bhp 2.0 diesel is also a delight, though using its ample power for sporty driving reveals a suspension better suited to a fully laden MPV than supermini antics.

Prices start from £13,595 and seven-seat Grand Scenic versions are available for a £1,500 premium.



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## USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

### FAMILY CARS FROM JAPAN

NEED a used 'family car' but not keen to run with the herd by opting for a Ford Mondeo or Vauxhall Vectra? Then check out three Japanese models, although two were actually built in the UK and are more British than the sector leaders above. Each has Japanese virtues of generous kit, reliability and easy ownership, but more space, flair and zest about them than earlier generations. You will also find a good selection of engine packages – including decent diesels – as well as hatchback, saloon and estate body styles.

#### TOYOTA AVENTIS



TOYOTA'S original Avensis was a reworked Carina E with a name change to suggest that it was unrelated to one of the most boring family cars of the period. The second-generation Avensis (2003-09) is a different animal. The styling is still dull but it drives well, has good engines, is good value secondhand, includes Lexus refinement technology and plays the 'Made in Britain' card strongly – very well made it was too in a huge modern plant at Burnaston, Derbyshire.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### NISSAN PRIMERA



NISSAN'S final Primera (2002-06) could not have contrasted more with its staid predecessors. It was one of the most distinctive cars in its class, perhaps too much so for some, but offers great driving pleasure, terrific value and reliability, plus good Renault-sourced turbodiesels for endurance and economy. The Sunderland-built range was latterly streamlined, the saloon was axed and production concentrated on the versatile hatchback and spacious and practical yet elegant estate.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### MAZDA 6



MAZDA'S revival on the back of the '6' is well-documented. This spin-off from the Ford Mondeo inherited that car's excellent chassis, but Mazda engineers instilled a distinctive driver appeal and sharp design inside and outside. The interior carried forward into a whole new line-up of Mazda models, while the space-efficiency of the body is excellent, whether you opt for saloon, hatchback or stylish estate. The diesels are the best buy – petrol units are lively but coarse.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

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**JAZZ**, 1.4 SE S Door, 05/2005, details to follow, silver, 27, 200 miles, £9995, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

## HYUNDAI

**ACCENT**, Si 3dr, 7273079, power steering, air bag, sunroof, electric front windows, radio cassette, cloth upholstery, rear wash/wipe, silver, 55100 miles, £1695, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**AMICA**, CDX 5dr, et06vvc, abs, air bag, immobiliser, central locking, remote central locking, air con, stereo, rear spoiler, front fog lamps, automatic electric windows, radio, child locks, head restraints, locking wheel nuts, cloth upholstery, 13" alloys, psc, full size spare wheel, audible lights on warning, boot light, front wipers with variable intermittent facility, leather gear knob, ashtray and cigar lighter, seatback hooks, leather steering wheel, tinted glass, mudflaps front and rear, seatbelt pretensioners, height adjustable front seatbelts, 4 speakers, heated rear window, tachometer, headlamp levelling, body colour door mirrors, 50/50 split folding rear seat, body colour door handles, body colour bumpers, front door pockets, interior light, front seatback pockets, black bodyside mouldings, remote flap release, seatbelt warning, front undersat storage trays, front cupholders, 2 rear 3 point safety belts, door/boot open warning light, blue, 19000 miles, £5295, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

**ATOZ**, 12v + 5dr auto, 1510461, immobiliser, central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, 15" alloys, blue, 42000 miles, £1999, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**MATRIX**, Gsi, 5614314, abs, air bag, side air bags, immobiliser, central locking, air con, stereo, electric windows, trip computer, roof rails, adjustable steering column, automatic electric windows, radio, child locks, folding rear seats, head restraints, locking wheel nuts, iso fix, central locking, digital clock, body colour bumpers, alloy spare wheel, 15" alloy wheels, 3x3 point rear seatbelts, psc, mudflaps front and rear, 12v power points boot/centre console, black side protection mouldings, body colour door handles, storage boxes x 2 in boot, front seatback pockets, rear centre armrest with cupholder, driver's seat height adjustment, driver's seat foldable armrest, variable front intermittent wipers, front passenger undersat storage tray, front and rear door pockets, 6 speakers, sliding/reclining rear seats, overhead console with sunglasses holder, side impact beams, driver seat lumbar adjustment, seatbelt pretensioners with load limiters, luggage net + hook, front centre console with 2 cupholders, rear seat underfloor storage, body colour electric/heated door mirrors, fold up tray on front seat backs, storage tray under steering wheel, aluminium silver, 7000 miles, £5995, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

**SANTA FE**, CDX Crd, ea06 nwl, full leather, air conditioning, power steering, abs, electric windows, electric mirrors, electric sunroof, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, front fog lamps, radio, height adjustable seat, centre armrest, adjustable steering column, cd player, radio, heated seats, cruise control, twin air bags, alloy wheels, 4x4, silver, 28600 miles, £2895, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**TRAJET**, Gsi, air conditioning, power steering, abs, privacy glass, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, roof rails, parking sensor, centre armrest, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, dual climate zones, twin air bags, electric windows, electric mirrors, trip computer, cd player, radio, rear headrests, alloy wheels, silver, 30100 miles, £6495, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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**RODEO**, Jiffy Hot & Cold Catering Truck, 10068180, jiffy pica hot & cold snack wagon, super large rear oven, super large fridge display area, hand wash, silver, 34000 miles, £13995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

## IVECO

**CARGO**, Eurocargo Tector 75E17 Tilt/Slide & Spec Lift, cloth upholstery, dual passenger seat, power steering, abs, electric windows, cruise control, radio cassette, colour coded body, latest version, euro 3, 12v compliant, independent 2nd car spec lift, hydraulic winch, white, 70000 miles, £22000, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

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## JAGUAR

**X-TYPE**, 2.2 Sport 2D, 7181079, full leather, air con, climate control, power steering, front fog lamps, parking sensor, rear spoiler, remote central locking, remote alarm, electric seats, height adjustable seat, electric windows, electric mirrors, traction control, cd, radio, abs, adjustable steering column, twin air bags, curtain airbags, alloys, blue, 67500 miles, £10995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**XX**, r supercharged convertible auto, 2004, ultraviolet metallic with ivory/sable sport leather, 35500 miles, £21950, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

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**CHEROKEE**, 2.8 CRD Limited 5dr Auto, adjustable seats, air con, alloys, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, electrically adjustable seats, head restraints, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, roof rails, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, traction control, insurance group:13, black, 51200 miles, £9995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

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**MAGENTIS**, GS Crdi, air con, abs, power steering, twin air bags, curtain airbags, cd player, radio, electric windows, electric mirrors, remote central locking, remote alarm, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, alloy wheels, black, 23100 miles, £5995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**SPORTAGE**, Xse, w02 vzt, air con, power steering, abs, air bag, remote central locking, remote alarm, cloth upholstery, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, electric windows, electric mirrors, radio cassette, alloy wheels, 4x4, silver, 66700 miles, £3795, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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## LDV

**MAXUS**, Lwb 3.5/95 Refrigerated Chiller, bu07dkd, side load door, dual passenger seat, electric windows, electric mirrors, remote central locking, immobiliser, power steering, hubbard fridge, gpl lined, electric standby available if required, white, 24000 miles, £3995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

## LEXUS

**GS**, 300 SE, remote central locking, immobiliser, full leather, electric seats, power steering, cruise control, abs, twin air bags, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, cd, electric windows, electric mirrors, colour satnav, climate control, electric sunroof, 17" alloys, aluminium silver, 80000 miles, £3999, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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## MAZDA

**323**, GXi D 5dr, central locking, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, air con, cd player, stereo, green, 94000 miles, £2999, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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**230**, E Auto, j915 cym, power steering, abs, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear headrests, cloth upholstery, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, electric windows, electric mirrors, radio cassette, electric sunroof, white, 88200 miles, £2695, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**A150**, 5 DOOR Avantgarde SE, 2007, atoll blue metallic, 42000 miles, £11498, Ashford, 0845 481 6427 (TRADE)

**A150**, Classic SE Manual 5 DR Classic SE, 2006, atoll blue metallic, 43116 miles, £7990, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

**A170**, Elegance SE Manual 5 DR Elegance SE, 2006, atoll blue metallic, 22439 miles, £3490, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

**A180 CDI**, 5 DOOR Avantgarde SE, 2009, lotus blue metallic, 5000 miles, £16994, Tonbridge, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

**B150**, SE, 2009, cosmos black metallic, 5000 miles, £16490, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

**B180 CDI**, MAV Sport, 2009, lotus blue metallic, 5000 miles, £21995, Tonbridge, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

**C180 COMPRESSOR**, 2008, obsidian black metallic, 16410 miles, £20494, Tonbridge, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

**C200 COMPRESSOR**, 2005, iridium silver metallic, 32741 miles, £12490, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

**C220 CDI**, Sport, 2008, obsidian black metallic, 14000 miles, £24590, Maidstone, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

**CLS320 CDI**, 2006, carnel red metallic, 37466 miles, £24494, Tonbridge, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

**E220 CDI**, Classic Auto Classic, 2006, tansante blue metallic, 24000 miles, £16490, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

**E320 CDI**, 2007, iridium silver metallic, 28961 miles, £20994, Tonbridge, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

**E350**, CDI Sport, 2009, obsidian black metallic, 3000 miles, £38990, Maidstone, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

**ML280 CDI**, Sport, 2006, obsidian black metallic, 41957 miles, £21990, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

**ML280 CDI**, Edition S, 2007, iridium silver, 17414 miles, £23990, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

**SL350**, ROADSTER, 2009, thulite red metallic, 100 miles, £56490, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

**SL55 AMG**, ROADSTER, 2007, obsidian black metallic, 15500 miles, £58900, Tonbridge, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

**SLK200 COMPRESSOR**, 2008, palladium silver, 7915 miles, £25990, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

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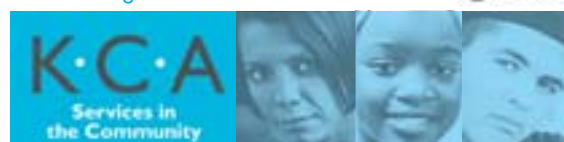
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For more information and an application form please contact:  
Miss S Spratley, Pent Valley Technology College,  
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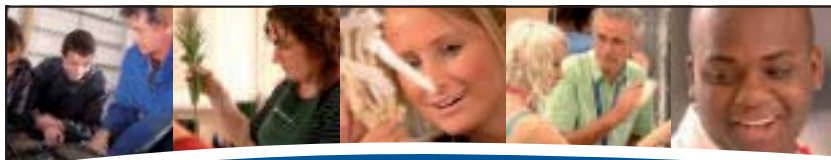
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<b>Director of Business Development &amp; Associated Services</b>	09/58
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<b>Head of Faculty – Science, Land Based &amp; Humanities</b>	09/57
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<b>Section Manager Construction Craft</b>	08/12
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09/56

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## CRICKET

BY TOM HOWARD

**Kent Cricket League Division One**  
**Hythe v The Mote**

A DRAMATIC batting collapse cost Hythe promotion to the Premier Division in a final-day decider against The Mote on Saturday.

Hythe, who won promotion to Division One last season, needed to beat second placed The Mote on home soil to secure a place in the county's top division for next season.

The home side's hopes of back-to-back promotions were boosted with the visitors scoring a modest 185 for 9 from their 50 overs.

Hythe had chased down scores of this magnitude before, but on this occasion their batsmen struggled to find any rhythm and score runs.

The Mote's bowlers continued to attack and Hythe were bowled out for just 98, which handed their Maidstone rivals the final promotion place. Hythe finished the season in third place 26 points behind The Mote.

Hythe's 2nd XI finished the season with a winning draw against Gravesend 2s. Tim Pichowski showed off his batting skills by hitting 112, as Hythe declared on 253 for 4.

Gravesend put together a solid reply but the run rate got the better of them and they ran out of overs just 12 runs adrift of Hythe.

# Batting collapse destroys Hythe Premier promotion



**DASHED:** Hythe's promotion dreams are over following a disappointing display from their batsmen in the final game of the year

## SCOREBOARD

**Hythe 2nd XI**

	Runs
<b>Martin Miers</b> ct Nash b Church	<b>3</b>
<b>Phil Hoyland</b> lbw b Chand	<b>2</b>
<b>Tim Pichowski</b> ct Prince b Curtis	<b>112</b>
<b>Christopher Slee</b> lbw b Curtis	<b>41</b>
<b>Paul Goddard</b> not out	<b>53</b>
<b>Nigel Pichowski</b> not out	<b>7</b>
<b>Joe Sheppard</b> did not bat	
<b>Hemang Patel</b> did not bat	
<b>Benjamin Tosland</b> did not bat	
<b>Tom Homewood</b> did not bat	
<b>Nick Savage</b> did not bat	
<b>Extras</b> (10b 4lb 20w 1nb)	<b>35</b>
<b>Total</b> (4 wickets dec, 45 overs)	<b>253</b>

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
<b>Anoop Chand</b>	9	0	44	1
<b>Ashley Church</b>	3	0	27	1
<b>Robbi Nash</b>	9	0	36	0
<b>Geevan Binning</b>	3	0	28	0
<b>Craig Curtis</b>	11	0	57	2
<b>Sam Kelleher</b>	5	0	27	0
<b>Verinder Bhoombia</b>	5	0	0	0

**Gravesend 2nd XI**

	Runs
<b>Verinder Bhoombia</b> ct Miers b Savage	<b>23</b>
<b>Graham Savill</b> ct Patel b Miers	<b>25</b>
<b>Anoop Chand</b> lbw b Miers	<b>1</b>
<b>Waqaz Arif</b> ct Slee b Savage	<b>12</b>
<b>Graham Stoneham</b> ct Hoyland b Tosland	<b>52</b>
<b>Geevan Binning</b> st Homewood b Pichowski	<b>20</b>
<b>Sam Kelleher</b> ct Miers b Pichowski	<b>35</b>
<b>Tim Prince</b> ct Homewood b Miers	<b>12</b>
<b>Ashley Church</b> ct Homewood b Sheppard	<b>29</b>
<b>Craig Curtis</b> not out	<b>6</b>
<b>Robbi Nash</b> not out	<b>0</b>
<b>Extras</b> (7b 5lb 13w 1nb)	<b>26</b>
<b>Total</b> (9 wickets, 55 overs)	<b>241</b>

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
<b>Christopher Slee</b>	10	1	42	0
<b>Joe Sheppard</b>	8	0	42	1
<b>Nick Savage</b>	8	1	16	2
<b>Martin Miers</b>	16	4	63	3
<b>Hemang Patel</b>	3	1	7	0
<b>Tim Pichowski</b>	7	0	32	2
<b>Benjamin Tosland</b>	3	0	17	1

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

**KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE****Whitstable 1st XI v Sandwich Town**

SANDWICH Town avoided relegation from Division One with a final day victory at Whitstable.

Town had to win to guarantee their place in the division and did so with a four wicket victory. Despite Jamie Watkins' 86 Whitstable could only manage 207 from their 50 overs.

Sandwich put together a strong batting performance in reply and won the game after 47 overs. Robert Goatham starred with an unbeaten 72.

**Whitstable**

	Runs
<b>Max Campbell</b> lbw b Spanton	<b>4</b>
<b>Jamie Watkins</b> ct Singh b Goatham	<b>86</b>
<b>Tom Richardson</b> b Spanton	<b>26</b>
<b>James Loader</b> st Lawrence b Amos	<b>30</b>
<b>Stuart Sinclair</b> ct Spanton b Amos	<b>5</b>
<b>Jake Guinan</b> ct Spanton b Amos	<b>3</b>
<b>Byron Gould</b> b van Poppel	<b>16</b>
<b>Andy Bennett</b> ct & b van Poppel	<b>14</b>
<b>Ben Trott</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Josh Gould</b> not out	<b>1</b>
<b>Duncan Hardy</b> did not bat	
<b>Extras</b> (9b 4lb 5w 1nb)	<b>19</b>
<b>Total</b> (.9 wickets, 50 overs)	<b>207</b>

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
<b>Craig Spanton</b>	8	1	40	2
<b>Matthew van Poppel</b>	5	1	26	2
<b>Robert Goatham</b>	10	2	38	1
<b>Alan Amos</b>	15	4	60	3
<b>Matthew van Poppel</b>	12	1	28	2

**Sandwich Town**

	Runs
<b>Craig Snell</b> ct & b Gould	<b>43</b>
<b>David Scoggins</b> ct Sinclair b Campbell	<b>4</b>
<b>Robert Goatham</b> not out	<b>72</b>
<b>Vishnu Singh</b> lbw b Hardy	<b>10</b>
<b>Kevin Beaumont</b> ct Hardy b Hardy	<b>19</b>
<b>Rhys Jones</b> ct Trott b Hardy	<b>25</b>
<b>Gavin Lawrence</b> ct Gould b Hardy	<b>12</b>
<b>Craig Spanton</b> not out	<b>22</b>
<b>Alan Amos</b> did not bat	
<b>Matthew van Poppel</b> did not bat	
<b>Jack Bradley</b> did not bat	
<b>Extras</b> (1b 2lb 1w)	<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b> (.6 wickets, 47 overs)	<b>211</b>

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
<b>Ben Trott</b>	8	2	20	0
<b>Max Campbell</b>	7	1	20	1
<b>Duncan Hardy</b>	15	1	81	4
<b>Josh Gould</b>	12	3	48	1
<b>Stuart Sinclair</b>	5	1	39	0

**KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE****Folkestone 1st XI v Orpington 1st XI**

FOLKESTONE ended the season on a high with a three wicket victory against relegated Orpington.

Andy Bray caused Orpington's batsmen all kinds of problems, as the visitors clambered to 125 all-out. Bray finished with figures of 5 for 29.

Folkestone suffered an early setback in their reply losing their first three batsmen for 16. However, runs from Joshua Bryen and Lawrence Ward steered the hosts to victory.

**Orpington**

	Runs
<b>Geoff Atkinson</b> ct Hark b Bray	<b>13</b>
<b>George Smith</b> ct Graham b James	<b>0</b>
<b>Dylan Robertson</b> ct James b Bray	<b>7</b>
<b>Sam Clarkson</b> ct Bryen b James	<b>3</b>
<b>Ben Clarkson</b> ct Bryen b Bray	<b>0</b>
<b>Paul Schmidt</b> ct Clark b Hall	<b>5</b>
<b>Matthew Naylor</b> b Bray	<b>10</b>
<b>David Robinson</b> not out	<b>40</b>
<b>Neil Bradford</b> ct James b Bray	<b>6</b>
<b>Stephen Ingram</b> lbw b Bryen	<b>26</b>
<b>Frank Penfold</b> b Bryen	<b>0</b>
<b>Extras</b> (2b 3lb 6w 4nb)	<b>15</b>
<b>Total</b> (all out, 45.1 overs)	<b>125</b>

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
<b>Michael James</b>	15	5	30	2
<b>Andy Bray</b>	12	4	29	5
<b>Ryan Hall</b>	7	3	23	1
<b>Ryan Currie</b>	2	0	13	0
<b>Liam Hark</b>	7	0	20	0
<b>Joshua Bryen</b>	2.1	1	5	2

**Folkestone**

	Runs
<b>David Miles</b> b Clarkson	<b>8</b>
<b>Stuart Graham</b> ct Robertson b Ingram	<b>0</b>
<b>Daniel Clark</b> lbw b Schmidt	<b>8</b>
<b>Joshua Bryen</b> b Bradford	<b>38</b>
<b>Luke Sage</b> ct Robertson b Bradford	<b>14</b>
<b>Laurence Ward</b> not out	<b>38</b>
<b>Michael James</b> b Bradford	<b>1</b>
<b>Andy Bray</b> ct Clarkson b Bradford	<b>10</b>
<b>Ryan Currie</b> not out	<b>4</b>
<b>Liam Hark</b> did not bat	
<b>Ryan Hall</b> did not bat	
<b>Extras</b> (2b 3w)	<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b> (.7 wickets, 27.5 overs)	<b>126</b>

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
<b>Stephen Ingram</b>	4	0	30	1
<b>Ben Clarkson</b>	4	0	16	1
<b>Neil Bradford</b>	10	1	47	4
<b>Paul Schmidt</b>	8	2	23	1
<b>Sam Clarkson</b>	1	0	5	0
<b>Frank Penfold</b>	0.5	0	3	0

**KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO****Sibton Park 1st XI v Bromley Common 1st XI**

GEORGE Leadbetter's 78 helped steer already promoted Sibton Park to a narrow 16 run win against Bromley Common.

Leadbetter's knock accounted for a large part of Sibton's innings with the Division Two champions all-out for 170.

Great work with the ball from Trevor Lewis, who took three quick-fire wickets, put Bromley Common in trouble early in their reply. Jay Mannall's 59 put Bromley back on track, but it was not enough to prevent a defeat.

**Sibton Park**

	Runs
<b>George Leadbetter</b> ct Joseph b Kempton	<b>78</b>
<b>Andy Allon</b> ct Snyman b Wade	<b>14</b>
<b>Jamie Keeler</b> ct Hall b Wade	<b>11</b>
<b>Steve Hobbs</b> ct Snyman b Atkinson	<b>11</b>
<b>Ben Allon</b> ct Carroll b Atkinson	<b>4</b>
<b>Ben Carberry</b> ct Joseph b Carroll	<b>11</b>
<b>Steve Hickmott</b> b Hall	<b>22</b>
<b>Steven Rowe</b> run out Atkinson	<b>1</b>
<b>Tim Smith</b> b Kempton	<b>2</b>
<b>Anthony Keeler</b> not out	<b>2</b>
<b>Trevor Lewis</b> b Hall	<b>0</b>
<b>Extras</b> (2b 1lb 5w 6nb)	<b>14</b>
<b>Total</b> (all out, 49.3 overs)	<b>170</b>

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
<b>James Kempton</b>	11	3	40	2
<b>Oliver Wade</b>	11	3	29	2
<b>Ben Atkinson</b>	9	1	29	2
<b>Jay Mannall</b>	9	0	53	0
<b>Niall Carroll</b>	5	1	8	1
<b>Lee Hall</b>	4.3	2	8	2

**Bromley Common**

	Runs
<b>Rob Williams</b> ct Hobbs b Rowe	<b>22</b>
<b>Brett Walker</b> b Lewis	<b>10</b>
<b>Tony Joseph</b> lbw b Lewis	<b>0</b>
<b>Lee Hall</b> lbw b Lewis	<b>0</b>
<b>Dylan Snyman</b> ct Hobbs b Rowe	<b>5</b>
<b>Jay Mannall</b> ct Hobbs b Allon	<b>59</b>
<b>David Luxford</b> ct Hobbs b Carberry	<b>6</b>
<b>Ben Atkinson</b> ct Allon b Allon	<b>33</b>
<b>James Kempton</b> ct Hobbs b Leadbetter	<b>0</b>
<b>Niall Carroll</b> lbw b Allon	<b>0</b>
<b>Oliver Wade</b> not out	<b>2</b>
<b>Extras</b> (8lb 9w)	<b>17</b>
<b>Total</b> (all out, 44.5 overs)	<b>154</b>

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
<b>Steven Rowe</b>	10	4	27	2
<b>Trevor Lewis</b>	9	5	15	3
<b>Ben Carberry</b>	4	0	24	1
<b>Tim Smith</b>	7	2	34	0
<b>Andy Allon</b>	9.5	3	24	3
<b>George Leadbetter</b>	5	0	22	1

**KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR****Sidcup 1st XI v Walmer 1st XI**

A HALF century from Jared Bond helped Walmer chase down Sidcup for a five wicket win.

With Sidcup only managing a low total of 125, Walmer knew a successful run chase was on the cards. Bond's 62 put them in good shape and he was helped by Peter Morris (25).

Mark Parnell and Stuart Butler hit the winning runs for Walmer, as the visitors surpassed 125 with only 31.3 overs needed.

**Sidcup**

	Runs
<b>Seetharam Krishnamurthy</b> ct North b Green	<b>0</b>
<b>Mat Kilbey</b> ct Holiday b Cookson	<b>14</b>
<b>Phil Robinson</b> b Huntley	<b>39</b>
<b>Norman Puckerin</b> b Cookson	<b>6</b>
<b>Alex McCawley</b> LBW b Green	<b>4</b>
<b>Tim Dawes</b> ct Birkett b Parnell	<b>13</b>
<b>Casey Jerrom</b> ct Butler b Huntley	<b>8</b>
<b>Scott Noble</b> ct Cookson b Huntley	<b>17</b>
<b>Tim Cook</b> ct Green b Huntley	<b>10</b>
<b>Thomas Beament</b> ct Birkett b Cookson	<b>3</b>
<b>Faisal Zaman</b> not out	<b>4</b>
<b>Extras</b> (2b 2lb 4w)	<b>8</b>
<b>Total</b> (all out, 47.3 overs)	<b>126</b>

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
<b>Alan Cookson</b>	14	2	34	3
<b>Barry Green</b>	10	3	26	2
<b>Peter Huntley</b>	13.3	4	26	4
<b>Paul Holiday</b>	4	0	19	0
<b>Mark Parnell</b>	6	2	17	1

**Walmer**

	Runs
<b>Martyn North</b> b Dawes	<b>13</b>
<b>Jared Bond</b> b Zaman	<b>62</b>
<b>Andy Birkett</b> ct Jerrom b Beament	<b>4</b>
<b>Peter Morris</b> b Zaman	<b>25</b>
<b>Mark Parnell</b> not out	<b>14</b>
<b>Joe Wilcox</b> b Zaman	<b>0</b>
<b>Stuart Butler</b> not out	<b>1</b>
<b>Paul Holiday</b> did not bat	
<b>Barry Green</b> did not bat	
<b>Alan Cookson</b> did not bat	
<b>Peter Huntley</b> did not bat	
<b>Extras</b> (3lb 4w 1nb)	<b>8</b>
<b>Total</b> (.5 wickets, 31.3 overs)	<b>127</b>

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
<b>Tim Dawes</b>	7	1	17	1
<b>Thomas Beament</b>	6	0	28	1
<b>Faisal Zaman</b>	9.3	2	39	3
<b>Scott Noble</b>	2	0	15	0
<b>Phil Robinson</b>	3	1	14	0
<b>Casey Jerrom</b>	4	0	11	0



# Smith hat-trick keeps Invicta on top

Picture: IGOR KUPCO



ON TARGET: Darren Smith scored a hat-trick

A HAT-TRICK from Darren Smith helped Folkestone Invicta sweep aside Horsham YMCA and open up a three point lead in Ryman Division One South.

Neil Cugley's side maintained their unbeaten start to the season by effectively killing off the game with an impressive first half hour, in which they scored twice.

Invicta earned a penalty on 16 minutes following a challenge on Smith which brought the midfielder down in the area. The former Chatham Town player dusted himself down and stroked the spot kick home to give Folkestone the lead.

On the half-hour the lead was doubled when Smith finished off a pinpoint cross from striker Dave Cory.

The home side looked comfortable with a two goal lead as Horsham YMCA hardly forced a save from goalkeeper Jack Delo.

## FOOTBALL

### Folkestone 3 Horsham YMCA 0

The three points were wrapped up in stoppage time when Smith completed his hat-trick by squeezing home a diving header.

In the Kent League, Hythe Town threw away a two goal lead to share the points in a 2-2 draw at Greenwich Borough. After a goalless first half, Pat Kingwell and Kieran Byrne gave Scott Porter's side a two goal lead after the hour.

However, Hythe were unable to hold on to their lead, as late goals from Danny Hunt and Mark Sisson salvaged a point for the home side.

Deal Town's FA Vase hopes are over for another year after a 2-0 defeat to Ringmer knocked Derek Hares's side out of the first qualifying round.

## CATCH OF THE DAY



## It was all whiting as tides peaked

By TONY HILLS, a keen beach and boat angler with 50 years' experience fishing Dungeness and District and vice-chairman of the Dungeness Angling Association

WELL last week turned out all right. As the tides grew the weekend produced whiting, dabs and small codling. The tides peaked on Wednesday at 7.7m, but stay a decent size right through the week.

The whiting fishing will only get better and better.

**PIRATE SPRINGS AND LITTLESTONE:** At this time of the year with the days getting shorter, after dark will be best.

**BACK OF THE BOATS:** Whiting and small codling will be available on a rising tide after dark.

**DUNGENESS:** Things are getting better with whiting in numbers, also early dabs and baby codling are the order of the day. With the water churned up this is your best daytime opportunity.

**DENGEMARSH AND GALLOWAYS:** In the west bay with its cleaner water, sole after dark are the target species with the chance of a cracking bass. My tip is to try live bait 30 yards out. A small whiting on a good sized pennel rig should pick out the better fish.

**JURY'S GAP:** After dark on a rising tide, bass is the target. It all depends on the amount of wind. A decent surf action could produce good fish.

**BOAT FISHING:** After a miserable month, it is back to the rough ground. East roads is worth a try to pick up a mixed bag of species, including a few early codling.



Picture: SIMON HARRIS

BATTLE: Dover defenders Olly Schulz (left, in red) and Dean Hill try to force an equaliser late on to avoid their first defeat of the season after giving away two first-half penalties

# Two penalties put an end to the Whites' fast start

## FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

### Havant & Waterlooville 2

Williams 4, (pen) 39

### Dover Athletic 1

Birchall 66



He gave two penalties, the first which was never a penalty. To be fair to the referee he came and said to me after the game that it wasn't and admitted he made a mistake. The second one I will have to have a look at again. "We played OK throughout the game. We still need to improve, but we didn't play badly and deserve to lose. I just feel sorry for the fans who have travelled all this way."

The first goal came just four minutes in when Olly Schulz was adjudged to have handled in the area. Goalkeeper Lee Hook saved the spot-kick from Manny Williams, but the rebound was turned in by the Havant striker.

Both sides created chances at will, but it was the home side who doubled their advantage five minutes before the break with a second penalty. Schulz, the architect of the first spot-kick, brought down Wes Fogden and Williams fired in his second of the afternoon.

A clearly unimpressed Hessenthaler was sent off by the referee just before the break to compound Dover's first-half woes.

Adam Birchall was introduced in the second half and within six minutes of coming on he pulled a goal back for the Whites.

### Dover Athletic starting XI



Subs used: Hughes (Walder 28), Leberl (Gore 60), Birchall (Browning 60)

Late on Dover tried to grab an equaliser and came close through substitute Jerahl Hughes, but his shot was cleared off the line in the dying minutes.

Hessenthaler admitted he is expecting to receive a touchline ban from the FA after being sent off on Saturday.

The Whites are back in action this Saturday when they host Hampton & Richmond Borough.

• Log on to [www.yourdover.co.uk](http://www.yourdover.co.uk) for a full report of Dover's visit to Thurrock last night.

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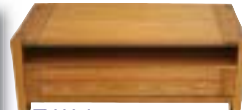
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